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P8-B Palace pork for govs, mayors alarms lawmakers

NA CHOP-CHOP ANG PORK PERO WALA PA RING MAKAIN ANG TAO!

By Michael Lim Ubac

MAYORS AND GOVERNORS have been allocated a total of P8 billion in pork barrel under Malacañang's proposed 2006 national budget, sending

P8-B PALACE/ A20

GMA wants Drilon ousted, prefers Santiago or Villar

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO WANTS Senate President Franklin Drilon unseated as head of the chamber before the end of the year because of his antagonism toward her and her programs, according to a source close to the President.

PALACE/ A20

A deadshot, religious, man of honor; will it rain on his parade?

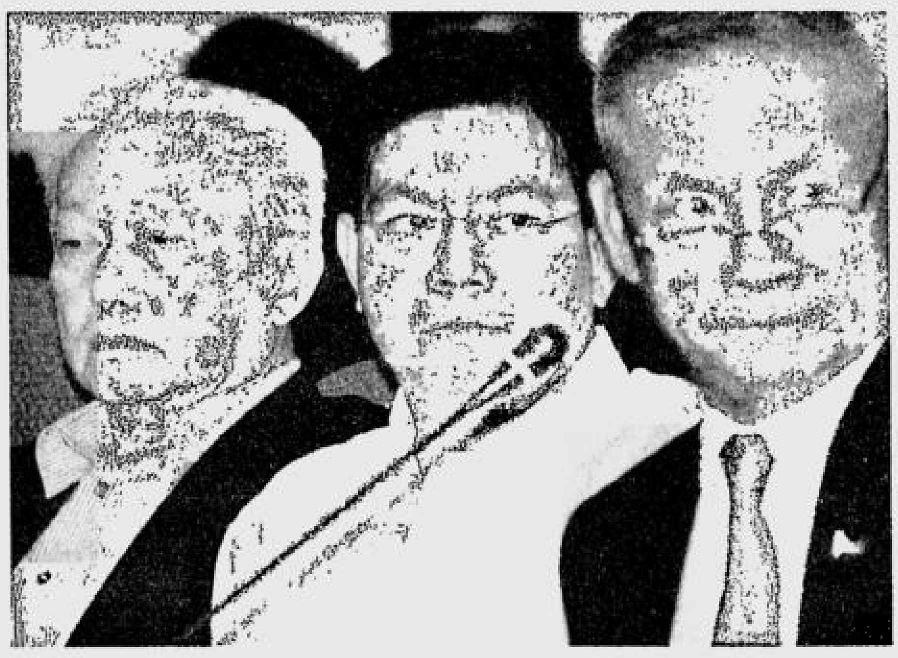
By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—HE WAS ONE OF THE FEW officials of the Philippine Military Academy who in March publicly admitted "sharing the shame" that arose from scandals involving its graduates.

From accounts, that deep sense of honor, along with his determination to help PMA cadets learn how to think for themselves, will constitute the legacy of Brig. Gen. Francisco Gudani when he retires on Oct. 4 as assistant superintendent of the academy.

He is scheduled to be honored by his alma mater with a parade on Oct. 1. ("That may have to be postponed now," said Lt. Gen.

A DEADSHOT/ A6



GENERALS IN THE SENATE carry on the search for the truth behind "Hello, Garci": (From left) former PNP chiefs Alfredo Lim and Panfilo Lacson and former AFP Chief of Staff Rodolfo Biazon, who chairs the defense and security committee.

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BRIG. GEN. Francisco Gudani, relieved as 1st Marine Brigade commander during the 2004 election period and now PMA assistant superintendent, shocks and awes senators during the hearings and, later in a closed door session. Col. Alexander F. Balutan (at left) also testifies.

General defies GMA order

AFP sacks Gudani for exposing Lanao poll fraud in Senate

SERVICE COMMANDERS came in full force for a press conference to announce the axing of Gudani: (From left) Flag Officer in Command, Philippine Navy Vice Adm. Ernesto de Leon; AFP Chief of Staff Generoso Senga; Lt. Gen. Jose L. Reyes, PAF chief and Lt. Gen. Hermogenes Esperon, Army chief.

JOAN BONDOC

EDWIN BACASMAS

THE DEFENSE: Another (ex-)general, Ermita says Mr. Mike Arroyo can't possibly carry that much weight (the cash, that is).

By Dona Pazzibugan, Philip C. Tubeza and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

IN AN UNPRECEDENTED move that indicated widening cracks in the Armed Forces chain of command, a Marine general and his deputy yesterday disobeyed an order by President Macapagal-Arroyo banning administration and military officials from congressional hearings and were swiftly sacked.

Brig. Gen. Francisco Gudani, assistant superintendent of the Philippine Military Academy, and Col. Alexander Balutan, assistant commandant of PMA cadets, were relieved of their posts for appearing before the Senate committee on national defense and security.

Lt. Gen. Generoso Senga, chief of staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, also announced that Gudani and Balutan would face court-martial proceedings for disobeying a legal order from the President.

"My conscience has bothered me for being silent despite the fact that there were vital issues of national importance that have been the cause of national controversy. (This) controversy has divided our people, including the Armed Forces,"

GENERAL/ A8

Mike A delivered P500M, claims Gudani

By TJ Burgonio

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO'S husband twice flew to Mindanao in a private helicopter a couple of days before the May 10, 2004 presidential election to deliver boxes containing a total of about P500 million.

This startling claim was made yesterday by Brig. Gen. Francisco Gudani during a testimony that took almost three hours before a Senate committee looking into the "Hello, Garci" scandal.

The hearing was later held in an executive session, but senators declined to say what transpired there. According to a source who spoke on condition of anonymity, Gudani named the source of his information about Mr. Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo.

Gudani, one of four generals mentioned in the wiretapped "Garci" conversations, defied Ms Arroyo's order as well as pressures from top military officials to appear before the Senate committee on national defense and security. *(See banner story.)*

Committee chair Sen. Rodolfo Biazon opened the inquiry to look into whether national security was breached when the President's conversations with then Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano were tapped.

The investigation virtually resurrected the scandal, which revolved around the supposed conspiracy between Ms Arroyo and Garcillano to rig the presidential election, and which triggered moves to unseat her by impeachment.

In Malacañang, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita expressed doubt that Gudani had personally witnessed the President's husband, Mr. Arroyo, transporting boxes of cash to Mindanao.

MIKE/ A8

EXCERPTS:

Gudani according to 'Hello, Garci' tapes

Voice 8: Hindi naman ho siguro nila maa-ano ang ating Board of Canvassers, pero ang military kasi…Si (Gudani), sa kanila si Gudani. I do not know if they will find… Sa kanila si Gudani ma'am, that's why we had, I had to work with General Esperon and General Kyamko, na as of time, pinalitan namin si Gudani for a while.

Voice 8 (male): Ano ma'am?

Voice 7: A, the FPJ camp raw…

Voice 8: U-huh?

EXCERPTS/ A8

Cory's family on the way to losing Luisita

By Blanche S. Rivera

THE FAMILY OF FORMER PRESIDENT Corazon C. Aquino may lose Hacienda Luisita after a government team recommended the revocation of the stock distribution plan that has kept the vast landholding under the control of the Cojuangcos.

After two months of reviewing the findings of Task Force Luisita, the Department of Agrarian Reform's special legal team confirmed violations of the stock distribution option (SDO) agreement entered into between the Cojuangcos and some 5,000 farmers in 1989.

The SDO allows landowners, who run their farms as corporations, to distribute shares of stock to farm workers in lieu of a land transfer.

In a 19-page terminal report submitted to the agrarian reform secretary's office on Friday, the team said the SDO had failed to improve the lives of farmers and to effect social

CORY'S/ A4

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A PASSAGE to the sugar estate in Tarlac, which at 6,000 hectares is bigger than Caloocan City. It is lined on both sides with trees as old as its history dating back to 1882 when it was first acquired by Tabacalera under Don Antonio Lopez whose wife was named Luisa.

Malacañang supports DOJ takeover plan

By Christine O. Avendano and Armand N. Nocum

MALACAÑANG YESTERDAY SAID IT was supporting the proposal of the Department of Justice for government to take over vital industries if the oil crisis worsened.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said that the Constitution granted the Executive branch the power and authority to protect the people. "That is the purpose of governance," Ermita said in a news conference.

Ermita defended Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez's decision to conduct a study on the possibility of the government taking over vital industries, such as oil firms, during an emergency. He said it was normal to "conduct proactive studies as the situation develops."

Ermita said the administrations of Ferdi-

MALACAÑANG/ A8

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Visayas and Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. Luzon will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.

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Metro Manila	Partly Cloudy	Iloilo/Bacolod	Cloudy with Rains
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Clark Zone	Partly Cloudy	Gen. Santos	Cloudy with Rains
Tagaytay	Partly Cloudy	Zamboanga	Cloudy with Rains
Legazpi	Partly Cloudy	Cagayan de Oro	Cloudy with Rains
Calapan	Partly Cloudy	Davao	Cloudy with Rains

Charter commission buckles down to work

THE CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION formed by President Macapagal-Arroyo to study constitutional revisions yesterday buckled down to work with a mandate to finish its job by Dec. 15.

Addressing the opening session of the Concom, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said Ms Arroyo would submit the proposed constitutional revisions to Congress which will take up the various Charter change bills that include a proposal to change the form of government to a parliamentary-federal system.

Former University of the Philippines president Jose Abueva was elected Concom chair while former President Ramos agreed to be an adviser to the commission.

The two other advisers are former Prime Minister Cesar Virata and former central bank governor Gabriel Singson.

Also elected were Bro. Rolando Dizon FSC of De La Salle University as executive vice chair; and Mayor Oscar Rodriguez, former Cebu Gov. Pablo Garcia, newspaper columnist Carmen Pedrosa and Camiguin Gov. Pedro Romualdo as vice chair for Luzon, Visayas, Metro Manila and Mindanao, respectively. Lawyer Lito Monico Lorenzana was elected secretary general.

Ermita said the convening of the Concom signaled the "start of the grand debate on Charter change" which "could not have come at a better time."

He hailed the election of Abueva who he said was "very, very prepared for this undertaking and [is] a non-politician."

In his opening remarks, Abueva said the Concom should offer hope and renewal for the country at a time when the nation is polarized by political crisis and "pockets of gloom and doom."

He said he was for retaining the "best features" of the 1987 Charter for continuity and stability. He said the democratic, anti-authoritarian and progressive nature of the Charter must be retained.

The commission, with an initial P10-million budget, is supposed to have 50 members. Only 42 have been appointed and of this, four were absent at yesterday's opening at the Seameo Innotech International House in Quezon City. *Juliet Labog-Javellana*

Duty Free row a full-blown war

By Jerome Aning

THE SIMMERING FEUD BEtween the Department of Tourism and the Philippine Tourism Authority over control of Duty Free Philippines yesterday escalated into a full-blown "war" after PTA chief Robert Dean Barbers questioned a DOT order taking over DFP.

Barbers also insisted that the 90-day preventive suspension he meted on DFP general manager Michael Christian Kho stands despite Tourism Secretary Joseph Ace Durano's order maintaining the status quo at DFP.

He advised banks and business establishments not to honor any financial and business transactions that will be signed and approved by Kho, Any transaction done under Kho after the preventive suspension would be deemed null and void, he warned.

Barbers reiterated his right to investigate Kho for alleged anomalous transactions in the DFP and said Kho should have appealed the suspension order to him and not to Durano. He said he was the PTA's head of agency and not Durano, who is concurrent PTA Board of Directors chair.

The PTA chief said his power to investigate Kho stemmed from the fact that DFP is a sector of PTA. This, he explained, was clearly provided by Executive Order 46 (1986) that authorizes PTA, as the DOT's implementing arm, to establish and operate a duty and tax free merchandising system in the Philippines.

Barbers said DOT's "illegal" takeover of DFP began when Durano's predecessor Roberto Pagdanganan issued Tourism Administative Order 04-001 on Apr. 2, 2004.

Under the TAO, DOT assumed operations of the DFP, which was declared as a "separate and autonomous" sector of PTA. The DOT Secretary was also designated chief executive officer of DFP.

DFP's operations was placed under an executive committee composed of the DOT secretary, the DFP general manager and a senior DOT official. It was also ordered to adopt a separate accounting system.

But the PTA chief said the order was invalid because it could never supersede an executive order that was issued by the President.

He added that other government agencies continue to recognize PTA's control over DFP. He said the Department of Budget and Management acknowledged in a memorandum dated April 4, 2005 that PTA had "full control and exclusive authority over the management and operation of DFP."

Barbers said even the Commission on Audit categorically ordered DFP to consolidate their financial statements with that of the PTA.

The PTA chief said the preventive suspension against Kho was neither a penalty nor a disciplinary sanction. He said it was a mere measure in order to arrive at a fair, objective, competent and just administrative investigation.

Kho was merely being placed under preventive suspension to secure the competence and integrity of the evidence concerned which is in his possession as the incumbent DFP head, he added.

Filipina DH slain in Spain

By Marlon Ramos
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

CALAUAN, LAGUNA—A FILIPINA WORKING as a domestic helper in Spain was found dead with her throat slashed inside her room Tuesday night (Manila time) in the house of her employer.

Ivy Collantes Bautista, 27, had worked for eight months now as a househelp for a wealthy family in Guarnizo Astillero in the coastal town of Santander, Cantabria, in northern Spain.

Bautista's mother, Demetria Collantes, 49, said her daughter's body was found by her employer, Anna Marie Garcia-Arce, slumped at the back of her (Bautista) television set inside her room at about 2 p.m.

Collantes said they believed Bautista was murdered and suspected that her employer might have something to do with it since the latter wanted the victim's body cremated.

Jealousy, she said, might be the reason for the killing because the male employer liked Bautista.

"Mabait ang anak ko. Bakit nila pinatay ang aking anak. Hindi naman masamang tao si Ivy. Hindi siya dapat mamatay ng ganu'n (My daugther was good. Why did they kill my daughter. Ivy was not a bad person. She should have not died that way)," Collantes told the INQUIRER crying.

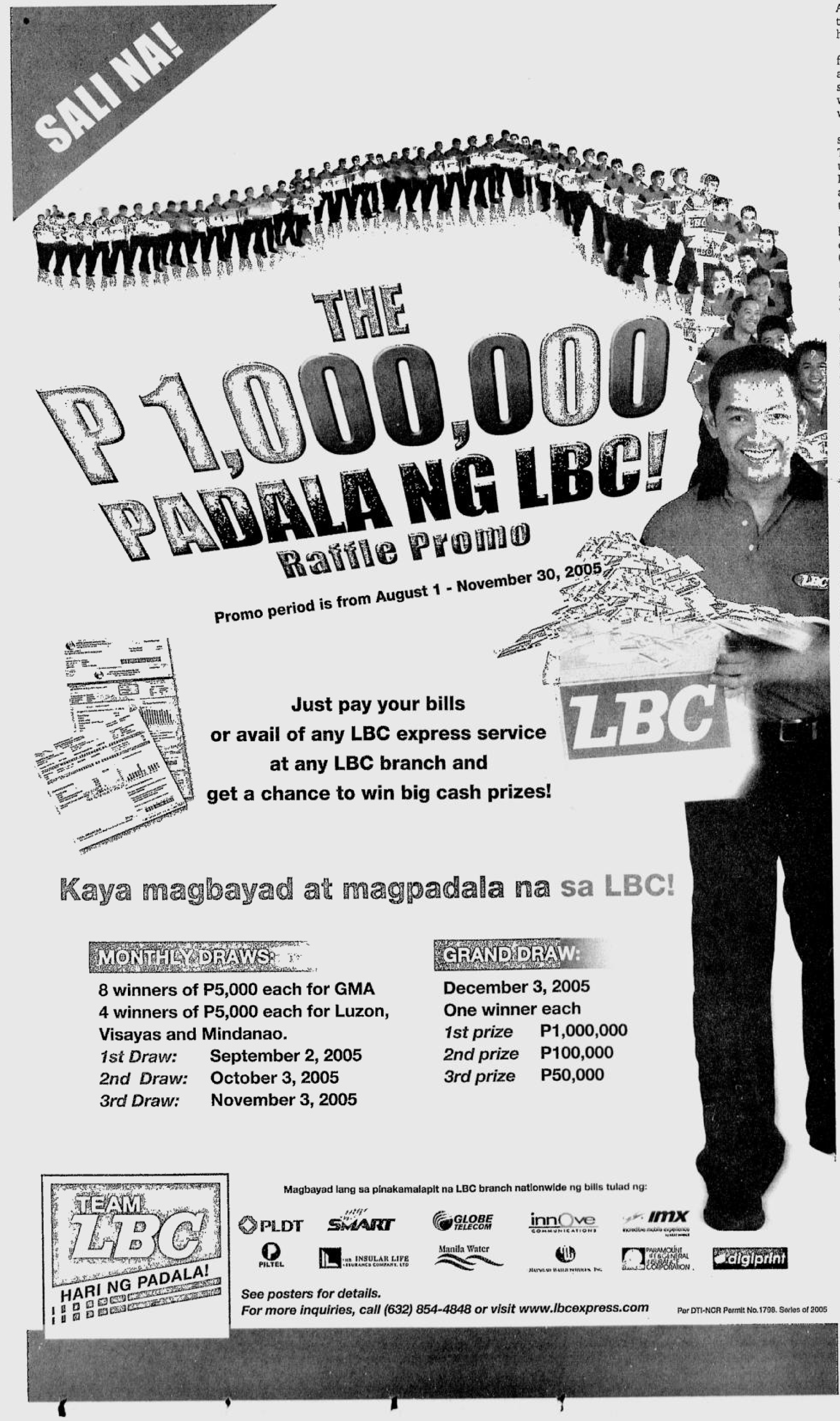
Collantes said her elder sister, Nelia Maranan, who lives near Bautista's workplace, relayed the tragic incident to them Tuesday night.

Bautista's husband, Joel, 32, said he and her in-laws kept on calling his wife after she made a missed call to his cellular phone about 12:50 a.m. Monday.

"But her cell phone just kept on ringing. She did not answer my call, so I got suspicious," he said.

Joel said his wife's cousin, Mei Fulgar, also a domestic helper, was the last person who talked with the victim.

"Mei said my wife was talking unclearly and very softly (as if hiding from someone). Then the line went off," he said.



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No prison, just probation, for 1st hacker convicted

By Erwin Oliva
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MANILA'S METROPOLITAN TRIAL Court yesterday sentenced a computer buff to probation instead of imprisonment of up to two years, after he showed remorse and pleaded guilty to hacking several government websites, including those of Malacañang, the National Economic and Development Authority, the Philippine Navy and the Department of Labor.

JJ Maria Giner of Iloilo City thus became the first person to be convicted under Republic Act 8792 or the E-Commerce Law, enacted shortly after another Filipino, Onel de Guzman, developed the "ILOVEYOU" virus that sent computer systems around the world crashing in May 2000, Department of Justice officials said.

Giner, out on P25,000 bail since his arrest last Jan. 24, pleaded guilty at his arraignment before Judge Rosalyn Mislos-Loja, who immediately sentenced him to a jail term of one to two years and to pay a fine of P100,000.

But Giner quickly applied for probation and the judge granted it. This allows Giner to skip jail but he must report to a probation officer on a regular basis. It was not clear, however, if he was still required to pay the fine.

State prosecutor Geronimo Sy said in an interview that Giner's lawyer, Rodolfo Viajar Jr. had agreed to a plea bargain during which his client was advised to plead guilty in exchange for a lighter sentence.

In granting probation, the court recognized that Giner was remorseful and "a promising man" who wants to go to law and should be spared exposure to hardened criminals, Sy said. He described the ruling as a display of the "reformative aspect of the justice system of the Philippines."

The prosecutor said that during the investigation, Giner revealed his "intimate knowledge" of the network security problems in government, and the need to address these problems.

"You saw his transformation from denying everything in his counter-affidavit to an understanding of the crime and eventually admitting guilt in court in the presence of his counsel," Sy said.

Police Supt. Gilbert Sosa, head of the Anti-Transnational Crime Division of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group of the Philippine National Police (PNP-CIDG), was ecstatic on hearing about Giner's conviction. His unit was involved in tracking Giner down and gathering electronic evidence.

"This will set a precedent," Sosa said in an interview. "Finally the E-commerce law has been tested. So this news will now serve as a lesson to local hackers... Regardless of the [light sentence], I'm happy that he was convicted."

Records of the case show that while Giner had admitted his illegal activities, he denied ever intending to "corrupt, alter, steal or destroy" anybody's electronic files.

The websites he was accused of hacking include those of NEDA, the National Book Development Board, the Philippine Navy, Dagupan City, and the web servers or computer systems hosting websites of local Internet service provider Bitstop and University of the Philippines' Visayas campus.

Giner also allegedly launched attacks on the websites of the Office of the Presidential Management Staff, the Task Force on Security of Critical Infrastructure, the Professional Regulatory Board, the Department of Labor and Employment, and the Technical Educational and Skills and Development Authority, according to DoJ records.

The DoJ records show Giner launched his computer attacks from April 27, 2004 until May 7, 2004. The trail of internet addresses led police to the UP Miag-ao campus in Iloilo, where it turned out Giner, a contractual employee, was the university's webmaster and program developer.

Palace to send DepEd usec to Labor

MALACANANG IS PLANNING TO ship out Education Undersecretary Juan Miguel Luz to the Department of Labor and Employment to put an end to the protracted dispute on his termination by President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said that Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas had suggested that Luz be moved to her department, which was badly in need of his services.

Ermita yesterday maintained that Luz was appointed by President Macapagal-Arroyo to his current position and that she retained the prerogative to remove him any time she wanted without any specific reason.

Since Luz was a career executive service officer (CESO), Ermita said the government could not fire him and was compelled to find him another government post.

Luz is the brother of Makati Business Club spokesperson Guillermo Luz who has been one of the most vocal critics of the administration and has led efforts for her resignation.

But the education undersecretary wants to know the personal reasons behind his relief from the DepEd.

"I can't speculate what the President's personal reasons are," he said. "What do I know?"

He said he is due to meet with Palace officials led by Ermita this morning in an attempt to clarify his status with the department and the civil service as a whole.

Last week, Ermita sent Luz a note thanking him for the services rendered to the DepEd.

Luz said he consulted with David and said he could not be sacked because of his CESO.

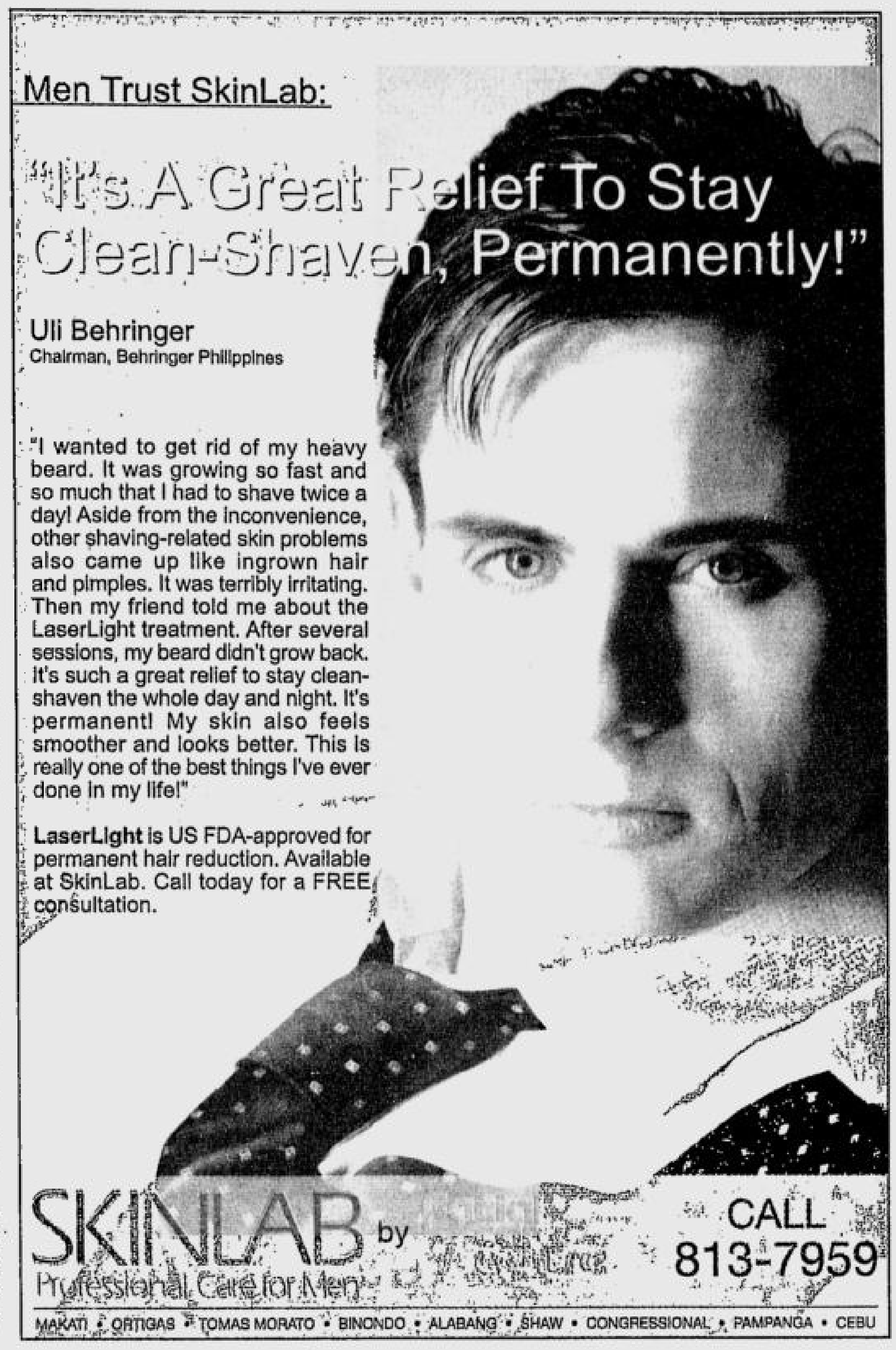
The note is probably an offshoot of Luz's return of three post-dated checks worth P15 million from the President's Social Fund to Zambales Rep. Antonio Diaz for scholarship programs.

Macapagal; 71

LAWYER PABLO G. MACAPAGAL OF PAMPANga and Metro Manila died on Sept. 23 at the St. Luke's Medical Center in Quezon City. He was 71.

He is survived by wife Marciana (Nancy); children Maria Socorro, Marirose and Jacob; siblings Carmen, Lorenzo and Carminia, Anita, Virgilio and Linda, Lulu, Deogracias, Felipe Jr. and Mercy, Evangelina (Dimples) and Antonio (Tonymac), a senior reporter of the Manila Standard Today; and grandchildren.

Interment is set for today at the Loyola Memorial Park in Sucat, Parañaque City after the 8 a.m. Mass at the Holy Redeemer Parish Church near the Nacional Funeral Homes on Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.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Cory's family on the way to losing Luisita

IN THE KNOW

Hacienda Luisita bigger than Caloocan City

WHAT IS NOW THE HACIENDA Luisita in Tarlac was acquired in 1882 by the Compañia General de Tabacos de Filipinas (Tabacalera) under Don Antonio Lopez, who named the estate after his wife Luisa. The property, which spans 6,000 hectares, is bigger than Caloocan City, whose area is 5,580 hectares.

In the late 1950s, the Huk Rebellion impelled the Spanish owners to sell the estate and the Central Azucarera de Tarlac to Jose Cojuangco Sr. Cojuangco appointed as hacienda administrator his son-in-law Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr., and started to modernize and expand the area. Just a year after acquisition, Hacienda Luisita became the top sugar producer in Central Luzon.

In 1977, Luisita Realty Corp. was created. It commissioned an international land-planning firm to make Hacienda Luisita a self-sustaining community with transportation facilities, residential communities, industrial parks and a business district.

The development made Hacienda Luisita, which is just two hours away from Manila, "the first fully integrated industrial complex in Central Luzon with the country's second largest sugar mill."

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justice as intended by Republic Act No. 6657, the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law.

The report, titled "Hacienda Luisita Inc. Stock Distribution Plan (SDP) Conflict," would be the basis for Agrarian Reform Secretary Nasser C. Pangandaman's decision on the petition of farmers to revoke the SDO and to distribute the 5,000-hectare hacienda to them.

Chaired by GMA

Pangandaman is expected to announce his decision within the week. His decision will be submitted to the Presidential Agrarian Reform Council (PARC) executive committee chaired by President Macapagal-Arroyo.

The committee will then either reject, amend or endorse the decision to the PARC en banc, composed of representatives of landowners, farmers and agencies implementing the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP). The en banc will then vote on the decision.

Any of the parties to the case, however, can elevate the DAR or the PARC's decision to a regular court at any stage.

In their terminal report, Undersecretary Nestor Acosta and Director Ibra Omar said "the FWBs [farm worker beneficiaries], instead of the promised/envisioned better life under the CARP do still live in want, in abject poverty, highlighted by the resulting loss of lives in their vain/futile attempt to be financially restored to at least where they were before the CARP (SDP) was implemented."

A TRUCKFUL OF SUGARCANE remains idle at the height of the workers' strike in Hacienda Luisita in Tarlac late last year.

PDI PHOTO

"While they were then able to make ends meet, with the SDP, their lives became miserable," the report further said, concluding that "the recall of the SDP/SDO of HLI is recommended."

Long overdue

The militant Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP) said the recommendation was long overdue.

"This is the result of a long and arduous struggle of the farmers for their land and should not be reduced to mere political vendetta of Gloria against Cory," the KMP, which assists Luisita farm workers, said in a statement.

The DAR's resolution of the Luisita case came amid a political rift between Ms Arroyo and Aquino, who has called for Ms Arroyo's resignation since July 8.

Aquino had led street protests seeking the removal from office of Ms Arroyo, who is accused of cheating in last year's presidential election.

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said the recommendation to cancel the SDO was a "gross retaliation" against Aquino.

Vindictive

"It's an act of gross retaliation by a vindictive President, who's now at her wits' end trying to intimidate those who could be threatened just to prolong her stay in power," Pimentel said.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said it was "normal for people to link (the Hacienda Luisita decision) with recent political developments."

He said if DAR did come out with the report then its decision could be implemented. But he said the owners of the hacienda could file a motion for reconsideration and "bring the matter all the way up to the Office of the President."

"I can imagine that they will exhaust all administrative means to bring this to the attention of higher authorities," Ermita said.

Cory only 1 of 6 owners

Deedee Sytangco, spokesperson of Aquino, said the former President would rather not comment on the "political motivation" behind the DAR team's findings and recommendations on Luisita.

"She has never been active in the (Luisita) management even at the time she was President. Not one of her children is in the management. Her family is just one of six owners. Even Danding is an owner," Sytangco told the INQUIRER in a phone interview yesterday.

Danding is Eduardo Cojuangco Jr., chair of San Miguel Corp. and first cousin of Aquino.

Asked if Aquino was amenable to distributing the hacienda to farmers, Sytangco said: "When they went through that (SDO proposal) during her incumbency, it was clear they (farmers) were made to choose. Hacienda (Luisita) has nothing to hide, neither does Mrs. Aquino."

Vigor Mendoza Jr., spokesperson of Hacienda Luisita Inc. (HLI), which runs the vast land holding, said the case was "a simple agrarian reform issue."

Mendoza said he had no reason or facts to establish that the DAR was leaning toward a decision unfavorable to the company because of political considerations.

Three reasons

The legal team recommended the revocation of the SDO agreement for three reasons:

- It is contrary to public policy. Section 2 of RA 6657 provides that the welfare of the landless workers will receive the highest consideration to promote social justice ... In the case of Hacienda Luisita ... the farmers' quality of life has even deteriorated ... especially with the HLI declaration that the company has not gained profit for 15 years and could not give dividends.
- The distribution of shares of stock in lieu of land distribution was made totally dependent on the discretion and caprice of the HLI. Under the setup, the agreement is "grossly onerous" to the FWBs as their man-days cannot depart from whatever the HLI management unilaterally directs.

Very objective

- The FWBs were "misled into believing by the HLI" that they would receive dividends and shares in whatever income-augmenting activities of the company, and that the land would remain "unfragmented."

Pangandaman described the terminal report as "very objective." He said that it would weigh heavily on his final decision and that he would be "guided by findings of the task force."

He reiterated that the DAR was not pressured by the President.

"It was never brought up. I always see the President, but she has never mentioned anything about Luisita ... That's why I'm appealing to all parties not to taint this with politics," Pangandaman said in a phone interview yesterday.

The agrarian reform secretary noted that the investigation started in November 2004. "It just so happened that we are wrapping it up now because everyone knows this has dragged on for too long. We want to dispose of the case," he said.

Supervisors of the HLI filed a petition in October 2003 demanding the cancellation of the SDO agreement because they and the farmers did not receive the benefits and dividends stipulated in the SDO.

Two months later, some 5,000 farmers under the Alyansa ng mga Manggagawang Bukid ng Hacienda Luisita (Ambala) submitted a supplemental petition seeking the distribution of lands to them.

Violent dispersal

The DAR, however, started its investigation of the allegations against the HLI management only in November last year, after the violent dispersal that killed seven people and injured scores of workers who staged a strike in the hacienda.

The task force on Luisita convened eight times, conducted a focus group discussion with almost 500 farmers in 10 barangays, and sought the side of the HLI management.

The task force submitted its report to Pangandaman in July, but the DAR chief created a special team to review the legal issues he found in the task force's report.

The legal team filed its terminal report on Sept. 23, but Pangandaman, who was out of town with the President over the weekend, received the report only on Monday afternoon. *With reports from Christine O. Avendaño and Philip C. Tubeza*

Luisita a political football –Noynoy

By Norman Bordadora

TARLAC REP. BENIGNO Aquino III yesterday said issues surrounding Hacienda Luisita had been used as a tool to influence the Cojuangco and Aquino families' decisions in the country's politics.

"Luisita has always been used as a leverage against us. A case in point was when my mother (former President Corazon Aquino) filed her certificate of candidacy in 1986," the congressman told the INQUIRER.

"That was about the same time Judge Bernardo Pardo came out with the decision regarding the land," he added.

Aquino was referring to the decision by Pardo, then a judge of the Manila regional trial court, that awarded the hacienda to its farmers.

The decision was appealed by the Cojuangcos.

Aquino said he'd rather have a copy of Department of Agrarian Reform recommendation to recall the stock distribution option (SDO) before commenting further.

Nevertheless, he said that if the SDO was canceled, "I expect a lot of court proceedings" and the operations of the hacienda would be uncertain.

As the representative of Tarlac, Aquino said the operations of the hacienda had resulted in considerable job creation and economic activity in the province.

He said the strike had adversely affected many people due to lost jobs and opportunities.

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Gov't bans wild, exotic birds as pets

By Christian V. Esguerra

THE GOVERNMENT HAS BANNED THE IMportation of wild or exotic birds as pets from 11 Asian countries affected by avian influenza even as it braces for the threat of contamination from migratory birds during the four or so months of cold weather in the Philippines.

Environment Secretary Michael Defensor said he has suspended the issuance of wildlife import permits for all "caged and pet wild birds; including their by-products and derivatives originating from countries where the avian influenza has been recorded."

The ban covers birds coming from Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Laos, Indonesia, Pakistan, South Korea, Thailand, Taiwan and Vietnam.

Defensor said the suspension also covered previously issued permits. He said the Department of Environment and Natural Resources usually issues 30 such permits a month to importers of exotic birds, which come mostly from Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand.

The ban will stay until the authorities feel confident that the country was no longer under threat of being infected by the avian flu virus.

Negative for bird flu

"As of now, the country is negative of avian flu. We have no problem with birds already in the country," said Environment Undersecretary Amado de Castro.

Defensor ordered monitoring teams to be vigilant in preventing the entry of wild birds from countries afflicted with the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu which has killed 65 people in four Asian countries since late 2003 and has been reported in Russia and Europe.

The DENR is particularly wary of birds imported from Indonesia, the latest country to have reported bird flu cases, and entering the country through the ports of General Santos, Davao and Zamboanga City.

Defensor also asked the public to refrain from buying birds from the black market, saying they risked bringing avian flu into the country through such transactions.

Earlier this week, the agriculture department ordered tighter surveillance of the illegal trading of exotic birds in Mindanao, and their immediate destruction if they came from bird-flu affected countries.

Another risk factor is the seasonal migration of birds seeking temporary shelter in tropical countries like the Philippines during the cold months of October to February.

'Major flyway'

The DENR said it was closely watching such "major flyways" as the Olango island in Cebu, the Candaba swamp in Pampanga, the Agusan marsh, the Manila Bay and some 55 other wetlands areas around the country.

The World Health Organization earlier warned that migratory birds carrying avian flu might contaminate domestic birds and poultry which would in turn infect humans.

According to Dr. Mundita Lim of the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau, migratory birds usually come from China, South Korea and Japan which have reported bird flu cases.

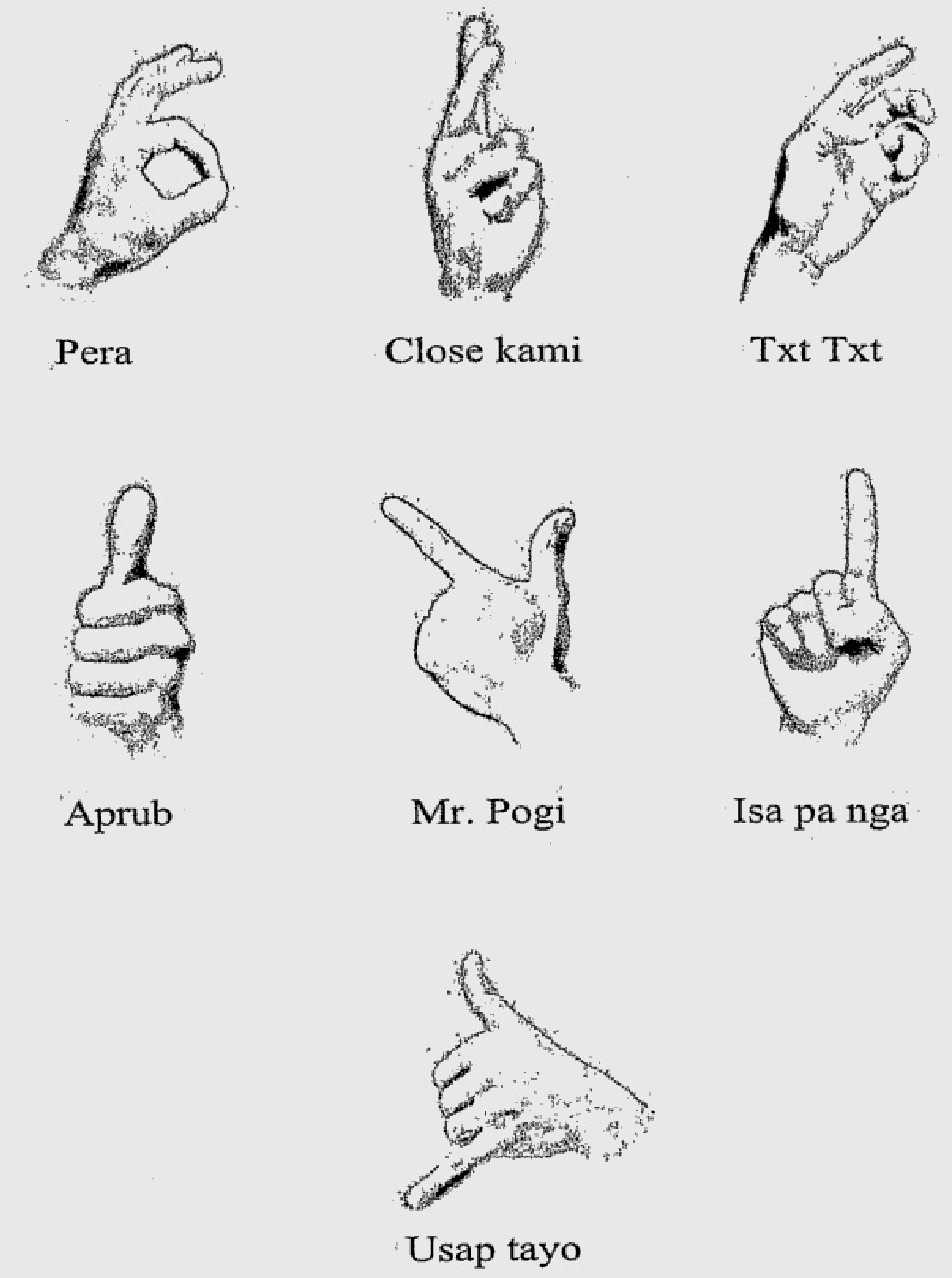
She said among these were wild ducks, plovers, terns and herons.

Officials have asked local governments to keep people and poultry away from migratory birds.

Asked how authorities intended to tackle the problem of migratory birds, Defensor said it would be done primarily through surveillance.

"The birds don't just stray anywhere, they go to wetland areas," he said.

"We will make sure that these birds will be properly dealt with. I will not go into the details of how they will be killed or caught. But that we have to do...because other birds will be affected," he said.



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In 2000, Marines liberated 300 persons held hostage by the Moro Islamic Liberation Front in a town hall in Cagayan de Oro City. In the same year, Marines reopened to commuters the Narciso Ramos Highway in Maguindanao, which had been occupied by MILF rebels.

A few months later, Marines spearheaded military operations that led to the fall of Camp Abubakar, the biggest camp of the MILF.

The elite group is credited for defying orders to shoot at thousands of civilians then massed on Edsa in February 1986 and calling for the ouster of Ferdinand Marcos' dictatorship.

It also helped flush out mutineers from Camp Aguinaldo in August 1987.

But a Marine battalion joined rebels headed by then Col. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan in the foiled December 1989 coup attempt. The breakaway group took over the northern portion of Villamor Air Base.

About 200 Marines were later detained for their participation in the coup attempt.

In July 2003, 77 Marines joined hundreds of disgruntled junior soldiers in what came to be known as the "Oakwood mutiny" in Makati City. *Cyril L. Bonabente, PDI Research*

A deadshot, religious, man of honor

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Samuel Bagasin, Armed Forces deputy chief of staff and Gudani's "mistah" at the PMA "Maagap" Class of 1973.)

Gudani joined the academy fresh from his stint as chief of the 1st Marine Brigade in Marawi City in 2004.

As chair of the PMA Center for Character Development, Gudani worked for the abolition of a policy that "forces cadets to attend Sunday Mass," affirming the right to freedom of worship, according to PMA spokesperson Lt. Alvin Lopez.

Yet he is an active member of the Catholic Church's Shalom congregation in the PMA.

"He is very religious, but he is a very private man," Lopez said yesterday, adding that Gudani had always kept to himself.

According to Lopez, Gudani was also instrumental in sparking a debate among PMA officials about a review of the honor system, a code of conduct that binds every cadet as well as all alumni.

Dead-eye

Lopez said that despite Gudani's low profile, he had access to the cadets because he taught practical shooting courses.

In fact, he was a dead-eye, for which he was named AFP Pistol Shooter of the Year in 1980. He also received the Cavalier Award from the PMA Alumni Association in 1988.

Bagasin himself expressed a high regard for Gudani.

"He is a very good officer, a God-fearing officer, a very good person," Bagasin said.

Bagasin spoke with the INQUIRER after a news conference at Camp Aguinaldo wherein AFP Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Generoso Senga announced that Gudani would be subjected to court-martial as a result of his having defied an order from President Macapagal-Arroyo and testified at the Senate.

"As our classmate, he has our moral support, but we're subject to all rules and regulations," Bagasin said, adding:

"We have our reasons for our individual actions ... We sympathize with his plight [but] he has to answer for his personal decision."

Bagasin was present at the press conference, as was another classmate of Gudani's, National Capital Region Command chief Lt. Gen. Alan Cabalquinto.

Vice Adm. Ernesto de Leon, Gudani's commanding officer and Navy flag officer in command, conceded that Gudani was a good officer.

"He complies with orders, although there are times he gives lengthy reasons," De Leon said when asked how he would describe Gudani as an officer.

"This is the first time he defied a legal order from the chief of staff," De Leon added.

Vote-buying

At the turnover of the Marawi command in August 2004, Gudani was reported to have said in a farewell speech: "I wish there will be no more vote-buying in Lanao del Sur."

He was quoted as saying that in the runup to the 2004 elections, local politicians went on a vote-buying frenzy, offering from P5,000 to P16,000 per person.

Yesterday at the Senate, he said he saw vote-buying and other irregularities in Lanao del Sur aimed at securing Ms Arroyo's election.

He also said some PMA cadets were of the opinion that Ms Arroyo was guilty of election fraud.

'Personal observations'

PMA superintendent Lt. Gen. Cristolito Balaoing immediately issued a statement disowning Gudani's "personal observations" at the Senate.

Brig. Gen. Leopoldo Maligalig, PMA commandant of cadets, said Gudani might have been misinformed.

Maligalig gathered the cadets as soon as Gudani's statements about Ms Arroyo's alleged guilt were broadcast yesterday.

He told the INQUIRER that "while all the cadets have their own views about the political situation," they remained optimistic about the future of the country.

"With due respect to General Gudani, I am in the better position to talk about the cadets' sentiments," Maligalig said.

He added: "The PMA has been open with the cadets [about] all important issues. We teach them to think, to be aware of current events.

"But [Gudani's statement] will be misinterpreted as the sentiment of all 1,060 cadets enrolled today."

Maligalig said the cadets said they were too focused on their examinations in October to be distracted by the wiretapping investigation.

"Of course, it is foremost in their minds, as any future military officer should be, but the cadets have just finished their intramurals, a [series of] hops, and are buckling down for the last two months of tests before their vacation break. The senior cadets are looking forward to the holidays," he said.

The PMA also distanced itself from the Senate inquiry.

Lopez said: "The investigation involves the [AFP] and the Department of Defense. General Gudani's [presence at the Senate hearing] is in his capacity as a military officer, and not as a PMA official."

Master's degrees

Gudani, a native of San Rafael, Bulacan, studied electrical engineering for three years at the Mapua Institute of Technology (now Malayan Colleges) before enrolling at the PMA. He obtained a master's degree in business management from the Asian Institute of Management in 1983, and another in national security administration from the National Defense College of the Philippines at Camp Aguinaldo in 1999.

Gudani contributed to the book, "This is My Story," which was released by the evangelical Christian publisher OMF Literature in 2004.

His first-person account appeared with 30 other inspirational stories by, among others, 2004 presidential candidate Bro. Eddie Villanueva of the Jesus is Lord Church Worldwide, and Born Again celebrities Donita Rose, Toni Rose Gayda, Maricel Laxa-Pangilinan and Gary Valenciano. *With reports from Dona Z. Pazzibugan in Manila; Jamie Alarcon, PDI Research*

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No-show for Erap witnesses

By Nelson F. Flores

LAWYERS OF JAILED EX-PRESIDENT ESTRADA yesterday expressed apprehension that defense witnesses were being pressured not to testify for their client by "people with interest" in the plunder trial of the deposed leader at the Sandiganbayan.

Defense counsel Rene Saguisag expressed these fears to the three-member Special Division after a defense witness failed to appear at yesterday's hearing.

He said family members of the witness, said to be a close Estrada confidante, had persuaded the witness not to testify in Estrada's behalf.

The Special Division earlier asked the defense panel to give the court and the prosecution panel a list of their potential witnesses.

'People with interest'

Saguisag explained that an advanced list of witnesses could be used by "people with interest" to prevent them from testifying.

He said the presentation of witnesses was part of the defendant's right to due process and equal protection of the law.

Asked by reporters who the "people with interest" were, Saguisag said it could be anyone who would gain from hiding the truth about the charges against Estrada.

Saguisag said he was still conferring with other members of the defense team to decide which witnesses' names to submit to the court.

Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio earlier complained that the failure of the defense panel to provide the prosecution with a list of defense witnesses was a scheme to make it difficult for prosecutors to question the witnesses, a charge which the defense panel denied.

Defense lawyer Jose Flaminiano said the defense still has to call some 10 to 15 witnesses, including Philippine Star columnist Marichu Villanueva, the seventh journalist to take the witness stand.

"We will surely top the 71 witnesses presented by the prosecution panel," Flaminiano said.

He said the defense was finding it difficult to convince some witnesses to testify for Estrada. Others have refused and have filed motions to quash the subpoenas issued by the court for their appearance.

Different excuses

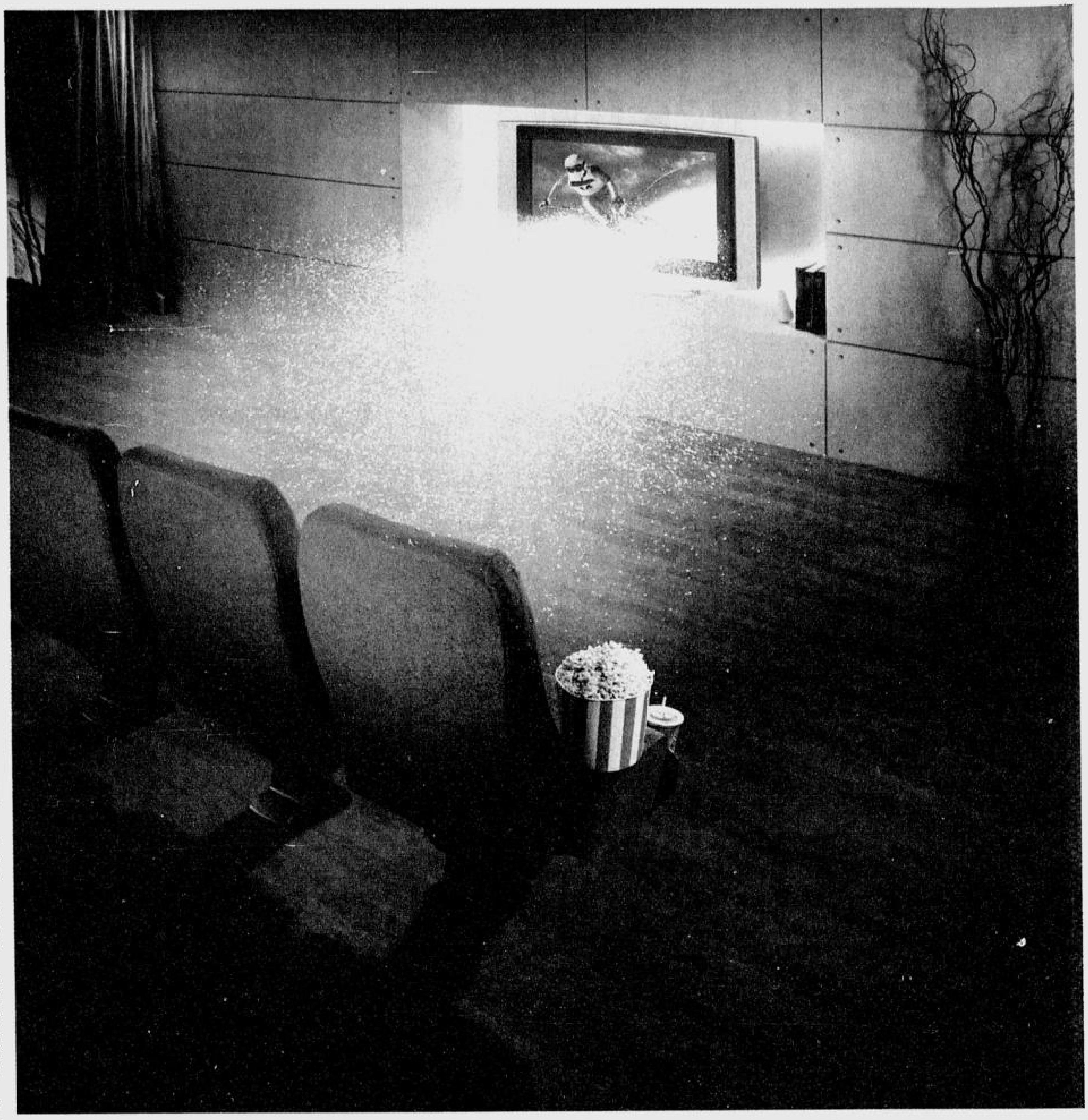
Of the five witnesses subpoenaed by the defense panel for yesterday's hearing, not a single one showed up. They cited excuses ranging from previous commitments to being out of the country.

One witness, Rosalinda Ng of the PCI-Equitable Bank, was excused by the defense panel after it was learned from her lawyer that she had no personal knowledge of the information being sought.

This prompted Villa-Ignacio to comment that the defense panel "is only going through the motion of calling witnesses when they actually do not have any."

Flaminiano warned Villa-Ignacio against "belittling the defense witnesses." He said contrary to Villa-Ignacio's claim, there are no insignificant witnesses or evidence.

"The little circumstances betray the probability of positive testimony and lend probability to another. These little things grouped together create probabilities and the probabilities give color and character to the whole evidence. Most trials are a battle of probabilities. The advocate can expect to obtain only the probable truth," he said.



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General defies GMA order, testifies at Senate

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Gudani said, reading from a prepared statement.

"But because I believe that truth and justice always prevailed, and that it is my duty first and foremost as a Christian and as a good citizen to let the public know the truth, today I come in compliance of a Senate summon," he said.

Senga admitted that the presidential gag order was unprecedented. He said he could not explain it. "We were given instructions to seek presidential approval before we appear in a Senate or congressional hearing," Senga said.

He also admitted that the military was powerless to take action against the two officers immediately because they were now under Senate custody.

AFP show of solidarity

Senga appeared with the AFP top brass in an apparent show of solidarity at a news conference to announce the disciplinary action against Gudani and Balutan.

Senga said the actions of the two officers were tantamount to a violation of the Articles of War.

Senga, Philippine Army chief Lt. Gen. Hermogenes Esperon, AFP Inspector General Vice Adm. Mateo Mayuga, deputy chief of staff for intelligence Adm. Tirso Danga and AFP intelligence chief Brig. Gen. Marlu Quevedo, were also summoned to appear at the Senate hearing but they all begged off.

The panel is looking into claims that military officers conspired with Ms Arroyo to steal last year's election—a charge the President has adamantly denied. On Sept. 6, Ms Arroyo's allies in the House of Representatives killed impeachment complaints against her for election fraud.

Ms Arroyo invoked the principle of separation of powers, respect for the administration officials and the need to maintain confidentiality on matters of national security in issuing Executive Order No. 464 yesterday.

It prohibits administration, military and police officials from testifying in Senate and House hearings without her permission.

Hearings hurt country

"There is a need to prevent such inquiries in aid of legislation from being used for partisan political purposes, disrupting diplomatic relations with foreign governments, and weakening the stability of the state thereby impeding the efforts of the government to generate and attract foreign investments," the document said.

The order came a week after the Senate blue ribbon committee cited National Security Adviser Norberto Gonzales in contempt for refusing to answer questions surrounding the signing of a contract to hire US lobby firm Venable LLP.

The P50-million contract seeks to tap US funding for Ms Arroyo's project to amend the Philippine Constitution and introduce the parliamentary system. Critics said the move invited interference in a sovereign undertaking.

The 58-year-old Gonzales, who has been hospitalized reportedly for a heart ailment, is under Senate custody. The Senate blue ribbon committee has rejected Malacañang attempts to secure his release. It has insisted that Malacañang either allow Gonzales to testify or order another official to explain the Venable deal.

Gudani testified before the Senate defense committee that he was one of the generals mentioned in the controversial "Hello, Garci" wiretaps. Balutan also testified on the alleged vote fraud. *(Story on Page A1.)*

Gudani said that high government and military officials, including Senga, tried to dissuade him from attending the Senate hearing.

'I can't face cadets'

"For love of God and country, I am now appearing here to tell you and the sovereign people, whom we have sworn to serve and protect, the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth," Gudani said.

He said he had the support and prayers of the Military Christian Fellowship-Philippines, a group of committed Born Again Christians in the AFP which he heads.

"I would like to personally say and quote the Bible: I would rather obey God, rather than man," Gudani said.

He said he also could not face PMA cadets if he chose to remain silent.

"We teach the cadets the honor code that a cadet does not cheat, does not steal, does not lie or tolerate any of these three. I would not have any courage to face the cadets when I myself will not tell the truth," Gudani said.

Brig. Gen. Leopoldo Maligalig, PMA commandant, told the INQUIRER last night that he met the cadets earlier in the day. He said they had different opinions but their morale was high and the controversies hounding the President had not discouraged them from serving the country.

Withdrawal of support

But Sen. Panfilo Lacson said text messages to the two officers from the cadets and other military officials indicated that they were rallying behind their withdrawal of support from the 58-year-old Arroyo.

"They were simply overwhelmed," Lacson said. "They were almost teary-eyed when reading the text messages. That was the consolation they got. And I think that sentiment, that statement of support, is being shared by not only members of the AFP, but by the whole country as well," said the opposition senator.

"I want to congratulate you for your courage," Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile told Gudani.

"Congratulations, Marine," said Sen. Rodolfo Biazon, committee chair who himself was a former Marine general.

"I hope this executive order is not going to lead to a constitutional crisis," Biazon said. "I consider this an interference by one coequal department to the functions of the other."

Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr. said Gudani exemplified the "Filipino soldiers' honor code by placing the interest of the country above any powerful influence."

In a press briefing, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said the President had not explicitly ordered the Senate to stop its hearings.

But following Gonzales' ordeal before the Senate, Ms Arroyo wanted "to correct the situation so that we would have enough guidelines and this was only emphasized in this EO," Ermita said.

Malacañang's legal office then worked on the document, said Ermita. He said the order outlined procedures for official appearances in congressional hearings, including a letter of investigation, questions to be submitted three days ahead of the scheduled testimony and a study on whether answers would be violative of executive privilege or the principle of confidentiality.

"If questions are forwarded in advance, then we would know how to react so that we would request if necessary for an executive session," said Ermita.

He added that the opposition was only using hearings "to find out if there's anything they could use against the presidency."

GMA unafraid

Presidential Management Staff chief Rigoberto Tiglao said it was unfair to say that the President was hiding herself behind legal procedures because she was afraid.

"The President is afraid of nothing. You cannot make assumptions that the President is afraid, that we are hiding the truth. There has to be some civility between the executive branch and the legislative branch. The idea is to prevent something like Secretary Bert Gonzales had to go through a trauma. There must be ground rules," Tiglao said. *With a report from Vincent Cabrera, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Excerpts: Gudani according to Garci

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Voice 7: …will ano, will file case against the Board of Canvassers and the military in Marawi?

Voice 7: Oo, oo.

Voice 8: Kaya kuwan, pero bakit naman nila pa-file-an yang mga military na sa kanila lahat. Ayaw na ngang mag-give way sa aming mga tao.

Voice 7: Oo, oo. A meron, meron silang pinakita (unintelligible phrase from voice 8)

Voice 8: Okay ma'am, mas mataas po siya pero mag-compensate po sa Lanao yun

Voice 7: So will I still lead by more than 1M overall?

Voice 8: Mga (unintelligible phrase) advantage ma'am, parang ganun din ang lalabas.

Voice 7: It will not be less than 1M?

Voice 8: Pipilitin ho natin yan, pero as of the other day, 9 or 2.

Mike A delivered P500M, claims Gudani

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"Is that first-hand information? [Gudani] had no direct knowledge; he must have just heard about it," Ermita said at a briefing when asked whether Mr. Arroyo should break his exile in the United States and face the Senate.

Ermita questioned the plausibility of Gudani's claim: "As a layman, can you imagine how heavy and how big those bundles of cash are? Lawyers will even challenge you and say, Do you have an idea [of the size] and weight of that bunch of money?

"Can you imagine the indiscretion of anybody to do what he (Gudani) accuses the First Gentleman of having done, saying that he (the First Gentleman) did it in such an open manner? We just want the truth here."

He said the opposition was only continuing the battle that it had lost in the House of Representatives, where three impeachment complaints against the President were dismissed.

"They are carrying the ball in the Senate," he said, adding:

"It seems that the impeachment issue is in the Senate without the benefit of … any impeachment complaint being brought before [it]. There is no Chief Justice presiding over it."

2 cartons of money

Gudani, former commander of the 1st Marine Brigade and the Joint Task Force Ranao, said an informant had told him that Mike Arroyo flew to Mindanao before the elections to deliver bundles of money.

Asked by Sen. Alfredo Lim to elaborate on his opening statement that money was given to certain persons to "deliver the necessary votes" for Ms Arroyo, Gudani said: "I also have information that a private helicopter was used twice by First Gentleman Mike Arroyo in bringing two carton-loads of money.

"And this informant of mine was used as the security, and he even tied up bundles of money."

Gudani further said Mike Arroyo made two trips "one or two weeks" before the elections "bringing two carton-loads [bearing] approximately P500 million."

Asked where the helicopter landed, he said it was "somewhere in Iligan."

He also said his informant was willing to give details on the matter but did not want to surface "for fear of his life and family."

He later said the information had come from a friend of the informant, whom he said he knew, and who had taken part in his command's "operations against kidnapping."

Biazon told Gudani that the Senate could provide protection for the informant if he was willing to testify.

After the hearing, Biazon said Gudani's disclosure was based on "raw" information, and that the committee would decide later whether to summon Mike Arroyo.

"If he volunteers, he's welcome to come and clarify the issue. He will be given his day in court," Biazon said.

Relieved general

Under questioning by Sen. Jamby Madrigal, Gudani said that apart from Mike Arroyo, the pilot and the co-pilot, there was another person aboard the private helicopter.

But he declined to name the other passenger.

He also confirmed that he was the general mentioned in the "Hello, Garci" tape, and who was eventually relieved by his superiors on suspicion that he was working for the opposition political.

Gudani said he was surprised when Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Roy Kyamko and Vice Adm. Ernesto de Leon, Navy flag officer in command, ordered him to report to Manila on May 12, 2004, two days after Election Day.

Gudani was then commander of the 1st Marine Brigade and concurrent commander of the Joint Task Force Ranao, which has jurisdiction over Lanao del Sur and Lanao del Norte.

"I arrived in Manila, reported to [Marine] Commandant [Emmanuel] Teodosio, who accompanied me to the office of Admiral De Leon, where I was told to spend one week or 10 days in Manila, play golf or go to Boracay," he said.

Asked by Biazon if this was in effect an "ordered R&R (rest and recreation," Gudani said: "Sort of."

He said he asked Teodosio about the reasons for his relief, and was told "there was none."

Injustice

Gudani said what made his relief more unacceptable was the announcement that he would be replaced by a certain Army Colonel Pirrino.

"I strongly feel there was an injustice committed in this aspect," he said.

According to Gudani, he was yanked out of his command because he started asking Rey Sumalipao, provincial election supervisor in Lanao del Sur, on the latter's sudden move to change the assignments of the Board of Election Inspectors days before the polls.

"I noticed he was taking orders from Garcillano … [who was] then in charge of Regions 4 and 5," Gudani said, recalling that he saw Garcillano's directives and memorandums for Sumalipao.

He said he could have been mistaken as an ally of the opposition, recalling that he once found himself on the same flight to Manila with Poe's running mate Loren Legarda and senatorial candidates of the Koalisyon ng Nagkakaisang Pilipino.

He also said that upon his insistence, he was allowed to reassume his posts on May 20.

Asked what happened between May 12 and 20, he said: "Those were the days that the counting and the canvassing of votes were being done."

'All kinds of cheating'

Under questioning by Sen. Serge Osmeña III, Gudani said that upon his return, he learned from his subordinates that Poe received zero votes in the towns of Wao and Bumbaran, and Bonabayao in Lanao del Sur.

He said that in Lanao del Sur, he "observed all kinds of cheating from start to finish…"

"From the registration of voters, they were recruiting, hakotizing," he said, eliciting chuckles.

He added: "I mean herding voters from other towns … from as far as Lanao del Norte … There was a town where they were giving P8,000 per voter. That's why there were many voters in that town where there were very few people listed."

Asked to name other irregularities, Gudani said two mayoralty candidates had shot it out in front of a judge in Lanao del Sur. He also said supporters of a losing candidate shot at a canvassing center at the Marawi State University.

When his turn came, Col. Alexander Balutan, former commander of the 7th Marine Battalion under Gudani's brigade, testified that Gudani's replacement, Colonel Pirrino, had issued an order to support the administration in the elections.

"That is to slacken our security in the canvassing centers," Balutan said when asked how he understood the order, which, he said, he had disobeyed.

"My only frustration at that time was my brigade commander was relieved. I did not know what to [tell] my subordinates … That was my dilemma," Balutan, now assistant commandant of the Philippine Military Academy Corps of Cadets, said when asked how he felt about Gudani's relief.

Disaffection

Gudani, outgoing assistant superintendent of the PMA, said some cadets were "disaffected" by allegations that the Commander in Chief had tried to rig the presidential election.

"There's a group of cadets—I don't know how many of them—who believe that the President is guilty," he said when asked by Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile about the morale in the PMA.

Upon Sen. Panfilo Lacson's motion, Gudani and Balutan were put under the legal custody of the Senate lest "they be [considered] absent without official leave by the leadership" of the AFP.

In his statement, Gudani also disclosed that on Tuesday night he received several calls discouraging him to testify.

He said that at around 1 a.m. yesterday, he got a letter from AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Generoso Senga informing him that per the President's instruction, no military personnel should appear before a congressional inquiry without her approval.

'Pro-FPJ'

But Lanao del Sur Rep. Benasing Macarambon accused Gudani of himself being party to the opposition's alleged poll manipulation.

"He is known to be pro-FPJ, and his people committed several violations of the Omnibus Election Code. His people did not allow my [poll watchers] to [guard] my votes," Macarambon told the INQUIRER.

Macarambon said Gudani allowed only five poll watchers for the administration candidates and as many as 70 watchers for the other candidates.

"There are 30 precincts for every municipality. How can my watchers cover all of them? I almost lost the election because of that," he said, adding:

"I called [Gudani's] attention, and all he did was say OK, or he avoided my calls."

Macarambon also accused Gudani's wife of involvement in the opposition's campaign in Lanao del Sur.

"[What he said at the Senate hearing] are all lies. The cheating was done during his watch," the congressman said.

He described Gudani as an ingrate for painting an ugly picture of Lanao del Sur and its people.

"[He had] the cooperation of officials, including myself," Macarambon said. "I personally recommended him during the budget hearings and mentioned his name to some friends in the Commission on Appointments." *With reports from Gil Cabacungan Jr. and Norman Bordadora*

Malacañang backs DOJ takeover plan

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nand Marcos, Corazon Aquino and Fidel Ramos had resorted to emergency powers to "improve conditions with the government takeover of certain vital services for the good of the general public."

Also yesterday, Gonzalez reacted sharply to demands by Rep. Antonio Cuenco that he shelve plans for what the Cebu congressman described as a "Machiavellian" scheme to take over key industries.

"Who is Congressman Cuenco to tell me to stop," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez said that for now the plan to give substance to constitutional provisions allowing the takeover of strategic industries during emergencies would remain with him until the President asked for it.

Not meant to be leaked

"It's there, it was never meant to be announced until somebody leaked it, you leaked it," Gonzalez told a reporter during a press briefing.

He said although he agreed with critics that an emergency situation was "not existing at this time," he said it did not mean that such a situation would not happen.

"Why does the Constitution place such provision there if it does not envision a situation that will need it. All these people behind the 1987 Constitution must have been crazy for including the provision there, separate from the provision on martial law and emergency powers," he said.

Gonzales said the study he had authorized his staff to conduct was precisely intended to address emergencies, the same way the country maintained armed forces to be ready to go to war.

Not Rasputins

In a press statement, he also scored Cuenco for comparing him to Rasputin, saying: "Congressman Cuenco compares me to 'Rasputin,' but who is the Czar?"

"Now I am beginning to wonder whether (Cuenco) takes time to prepare his constituents for the occurrence of contingent events and calamities," Gonzalez said. He added that the constitutional provision on the takeover of industries was intended "not to bring out 'Rasputins' but to protect the general welfare of the people."

Gonzalez lamented that the opposition had apparently succeeded in scaring the people by raising the martial law bogey. He said that he had been toying with the idea of taking over the industries for a long time now.

"It has always been in the back of my mind," said Gonzalez, who added that the study was done on his initiative.

Planning began in March

In March, Gonzalez told the INQUIRER he was considering plans to propose the takeover of oil industries following the alleged failure of the oil deregulation law to stop oil companies from unfairly jacking up pump prices.

Gonzalez, who cochairs the task force overseeing the operations of justice and energy departments, said the plan also involved the auditing of the oil inventory of private companies to stop them from using oil inventories as an excuse not to reduce oil price.

"The reason for the passage of the oil deregulation law was to break cartelization, but right now it's not working," said Gonzalez, a former congressman who admitted voting for the deregulation law.

Another problem that besets the oil industry, he said, is the smuggling of crude oil, which deprives the government billions in revenues.

Solons defend CPR, but militants are undaunted

By Michael Lim Ubac and Tina G. Santos

AMID ACCUSATIONS THAT IT was a tool to silence legitimate dissent, pro-administration congressmen yesterday defended the government's so-called calibrated preemptive response (CPR) policy, saying "freedoms and rights must not be abused."

House Majority Leader Prospero Nograles and Rep. Marcelino Libanan, vice chair of the House justice committee, said CPR was an essential tool to protect the Arroyo administration from destabilizers although the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) has declared it illegal and unconstitutional.

Both Nograles and Libanan have called on the CHR to reconsider its position.

Militant groups are, however, undaunted by the government's tough policy on street protests.

Fr. Joe Dizon and Renato Reyes Jr., leaders of militant groups Gloria Step Down Movement and Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan), respectively, said they are planning to stage another mass action in Manila, an administration bailiwick, next week.

Dizon and Reyes yesterday sought a rally permit from the Office of City Mayor Lito Atienza.

Reyes said they expect the city government to act on their request within two days.

"Otherwise it is deemed approved," he said. "Our rally will be organized and peaceful, that's why the Manila City Hall will not have any reason to reject our request for a permit."

But Atienza is reportedly on an official trip to the United States.

Reiterating Malacañang's official line, Nograles and Libanan said the CHR should not treat freedom and human rights as "absolute" and should not be "abused and used as a medium to destabilize the government."

Libanan said the new policy "seeks to maintain public order by allowing rallies that were issued permits by local executives." Under the CPR policy, police would no longer exercise maximum tolerance but would instead disperse protesters holding rallies with no permits.

Militants find the "no permit, no rally policy" ridiculous and applying for a permit discriminating, but would still follow the "process," Reyes said.

"We challenge the government officials to prove their claim that they respect the people's right to freedom and assembly," Reyes said.

In their letter to Atienza, Reyes and Dizon said the protest activity, dubbed as "March-Rally for Freedom and Democracy," is their way of expressing their opposition to threats of martial rule and suppression of democratic rights.

The rally will be held in the afternoon of Oct. 6 at the foot of Chino Roces Bridge (formerly Mendiola) following a short march from the University of Sto. Tomas in España.

"We expect at least 2,000 participants," the militant leaders said.

Ask whether they have an alternative place to stage the rally, Reyes said : "It's Mendiola or nothing. Nobody listens in parks."

Anakpawis party-list Rep. Rafael Mariano said President Macapagal-Arroyo's CPR policy should be challenged in the parliament of streets.

"She cheated, she lied, she deceived, and now this CPR. She had raped our votes and got away with it. The Filipino people must not allow her to get away with raping our civil liberties," said Mariano.

Mariano described CPR as reincarnation of Marcosian rule, a prelude to a systematic abolition of civil rights.

He asked former President Corazon Aquino and Susan Roces, widow of late presidential candidate Fernando Poe Jr., to join street demonstrations scheduled next month to challenge and defy the Arroyo government's CPR policy.

No exemption for Cory, Susan

THE "CALIBRATED preemptive response" policy on protest actions will apply even to former President Corazon Aquino and movie star Susan Roces if they take to the streets without a rally permit, said Philippine National Police Director General Arturo Lomibao.

"Like we said, no one is above the law, not even the President or the PNP chief," Lomibao said.

"Everybody should be treated equally," he said.

Aquino and Roces, widow of the defeated presidential candidate Fernando Poe Jr.; are leading the campaign to demand the resignation of President Macapagal-Arroyo. Anti-Arroyo forces look to the two as a source of strength and inspiration.

Last Monday, Lomibao said the police would not allow any more street protests as they impeded the flow of traffic and people.

Militants yesterday said the calibrated preemptive response, or CPR, policy has no basis in law and that its primary aim was to crack down on critics of the administration.

According to the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas, the policy was even more "draconian" than Batas Pambansa 880, the law on public assembly, which the militants want scrapped.

"In BP 880, maximum tolerance is explicit while there is no mention of CPR nor is there a provision where it can be derived," said Carl Ala, the KMP information officer.

He said BP 880 even states that law enforcement agencies should not interfere with the holding of public assemblies.

Lomibao said the militants were entitled to their own interpretation of the law and they were free to challenge it before the Supreme Court.

The law can also be changed or modified, and that is up to Congress to do, he added.

"BP 880 has been in existence for the last so many years. If our congressmen find that this is no longer relative or relevant to the situation, it is their job as legislators [to change or modify it]," said Lomibao.

"We are here to uphold the law," he said.

Also yesterday, the militant Kilusang Mayo Uno labor group said it would push through with protest actions tomorrow to mark the burial of union leader Ding Fortuna, the union leader who was shot in Calamba, Laguna, last week. *Luige A. del Puerto*

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Gospel: John 1:47-51

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Nathanael answered, "Master, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" But Jesus replied, "You believe because I said: 'I saw you under the fig tree.' But you will see greater things than that.

Truly, I say to you, you will see the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Commentary

This is the feast of the archangels, those who defend the honor of God, protect the poor and those who work for justice (Michael), accompany those who preach, teach and speak the Word (Gabriel), care for the sick, travelers, refugees, those in exile, in need of friendship, rescue, lovers, the blind, fishermen and teach all to pray (Raphael) and those who remind us to change, to be transformed, to die to ourselves, and stand with us at our death (Ariel). These are only a few of the great company that will come with the Son of Man when we returns in glory to judge the nations and to take possession of the earth and heavens as his dwelling place. Jesus is Lord of the universe, always more than anything we think he might be for us, for our family and friends, Church, state or world. He is the Son of the Living God made flesh among us and is worshipped, served and obeyed by all those who are spirit. Our world is much larger than anything we can see—today we call on the archangels and spirits that serve our God to help us obey and know his glory too.

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Nine months after tsunami, volunteers give proper burials to victims

LEUPUNG, INDONESIA—EVERY morning Yahya leaves home with a hoe in hand. But he is not tending his coffee crops as he did before the tsunami slammed into Aceh's coastlines, killing 131,000 people: He is digging for bodies.

In the days after the killer waves struck, thousands of corpses were hastily buried across the province by survivors and volunteers. Nine months later, some at least are being given a more permanent resting place.

Yahya is one of 15 volunteers looking for badly decomposed remains that are scattered in shallow graves around Leupung, which was destroyed by the tsunami and lost some 90 percent of its 14,000 people.

A few bodies were claimed by surviving relatives and buried privately. But the majority are unidentifiable and buried in a mass grave on the outskirts of the village some 20 km west of the provincial capital Banda Aceh.

Yahya and the team give the bodies full Islamic funeral rites as they rebury them, something they fear was not afforded to them in the chaos following the tsunami.

They say they hope the mass grave will provide a focal point for survivors to pray for their lost loved ones, and that their work will help villagers move on, allowing farmers to start planting again and villagers to dig wells.

"I feel like this is my responsibility as a human being," said Yahya, 23, who did not lose any family members in the massive Dec. 26 earthquake or tsunami that followed. "Everyone is doing whatever they can to help ... So am I."

There was a long lull after the initial rush to bury those killed had passed, in part because of a shortage of logistical supplies but also because people were busy rebuilding their lives, said Abdul Halim, the volunteers' team leader.

But the job picked up pace again two weeks ago. So far, the volunteers have dug up 295 victims—many of them found in shallow graves that have been ravaged by wild animals. The remains, usually a few bones or piece of rotted flesh, are placed in yellow body bags and later laid in the mass grave close the main road leading to the village.

Theirs is a slow, painstaking and gruesome task. *AP*

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Death toll from Rita, Katrina still rising

LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA—THE DEATH TOLL from the two devastating hurricanes that hit the US Gulf Coast rose Tuesday amid new wrangling over the government's disaster management as President George W. Bush again toured the disaster zone.

The toll from Saturday's Hurricane Rita rose to 10, while the number of dead from Hurricane Katrina has now passed 1,100.

Rescuers in helicopters and boats continued to patrol for victims throughout the flooded lowlands and devastated communities along the Gulf Coast as Bush met emergency response leaders at Lake Charles, one of several caught in the eye of the storm's 195-km an hour winds.

It is Bush's seventh trip to the region since Hurricane Katrina struck on Aug. 29, killing 1,121 people, leaving hundreds of thousands homeless and exposing serious weaknesses in state and federal disaster management.

"I understand there's a lot of frustration" among people who were scattered by the storm and wanted to "come back to the communities they love," he said.

"But it's very important for them to understand that now is not the time to come back, until they get the utilities up and running and until they can get the sewer systems running and until they get some water people can drink." Rita failed to deliver a catastrophe on the scale of the first storm but it has fed the criticism against the US authorities' response to natural disasters.

Hundreds of thousands of evacuees were stranded on clogged highways when the hurricane hit, while others have found themselves marooned in the disaster zone without assistance.

"Our government sucks. They're horrible... Bush, he dropped food to foreign countries and he can't get to his own people," said Christina Guerra, 35, of storm-hit Orange, Texas.

Meanwhile Michael Brown, who quit as head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (Fema) less than two weeks after the Katrina disaster, defended himself Tuesday before a House of Representatives committee tasked with assessing what went wrong.

Brown said he had been a victim of a media slur campaign and blamed local officials, particularly Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco and New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin, both opposition Democrats, for failing to heed pleas to order mass evacuations.

"I very strongly, personally regret that I was unable to persuade Governor Blanco and Mayor Nagin to sit down, get over their differences and work together. I just couldn't pull that off," Brown, a Republican, said.

But his responses failed to convince some committee members and have fueled media and Democratic party allegations that Fema was stacked with Bush "cronies" who were unsuitable for the job. *AFP*

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DESTRUCTIVE MIND-SET

Internet plays key role in creating suicide bombers, say experts

PARIS—JIHADIST WEBSITES PLAY AN IMPORTANT role in forging the destructive mind-set of a suicide bomber, and efforts should be made to provide a positive counter to them on the Internet, a pair of leading researchers say.

"Small groups find fatal purpose through the Web," say two authorities on Islamist terrorism, Paris-based sociologist Scott Atran and Harvard University's Jessica Stern, in a letter to be published on Thursday in Nature, the weekly British science journal.

More than 80 percent of known jihadis are Muslim emigrants living in diaspora communities, often marginalized from the host society and living in hard-to-penetrate social networks comprising friends and family.

"Seeking a sense of community, these small groups bond as they surf jihadi websites to find direction and purpose," say Atran and Stern.

"In the past five years alone, jihadi websites have increased in number from fewer than 20 to more than 4,000."

Such sites foster religiously inspired violence and a sense of brotherhood, the pair say.

They help to fan a drifting individual's resentment or humiliation into a burning desire for retaliation in which self-interest is sacrificed for reasons of faith.

"European jihadis act, not to achieve a clearly specified political goal, but to oppose a global evil ... even in Iraq, jihadis from 14 other Arab countries say that they have volunteered to fight against 'international evil' rather than for Iraq itself," the letter says.

Combating home-grown jihadis requires understanding small-group dynamics and psychological motivations, including isolation and brooding resentment, it says.

"Given the increasing role played by the Internet, efforts should foster alternative peer groups in cities and cyberspace, showing the same commitment and compassion toward their own members as terror groups seem to offer, but in life-enhancing ways and also toward others," it suggests.

Atran is a research leader at the Institut Jean Nicod in France's National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) and assistant professor of psychology at the University of Michigan, while Stern is at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. *AFP*

Israel widens offensive on Gaza, W. Bank

GAZA—ISRAEL WIDENED AN offensive against Palestinian militants on Wednesday, launching several predawn air raids that knocked out electricity in Gaza City and sweeping into two West Bank cities, witnesses said.

The escalating violence has battered hopes that Israel's troop pullout from Gaza two weeks ago, billed as "disengagement" from conflict, would boost chances for peace.

Israeli aircraft fired missiles at four militant targets in and around Gaza City, destroying the offices of a leading Fatah militant, and two other militant groups, an Israeli military source and Palestinian witnesses said.

They said a fifth missile fired later destroyed a bridge in northern Gaza's Beit Hanoun. An Israeli military source said a leading traffic artery for militants had been wrecked.

The raids plunged much of Gaza City into darkness cutting electricity to many of its 350,000 residents for two hours.

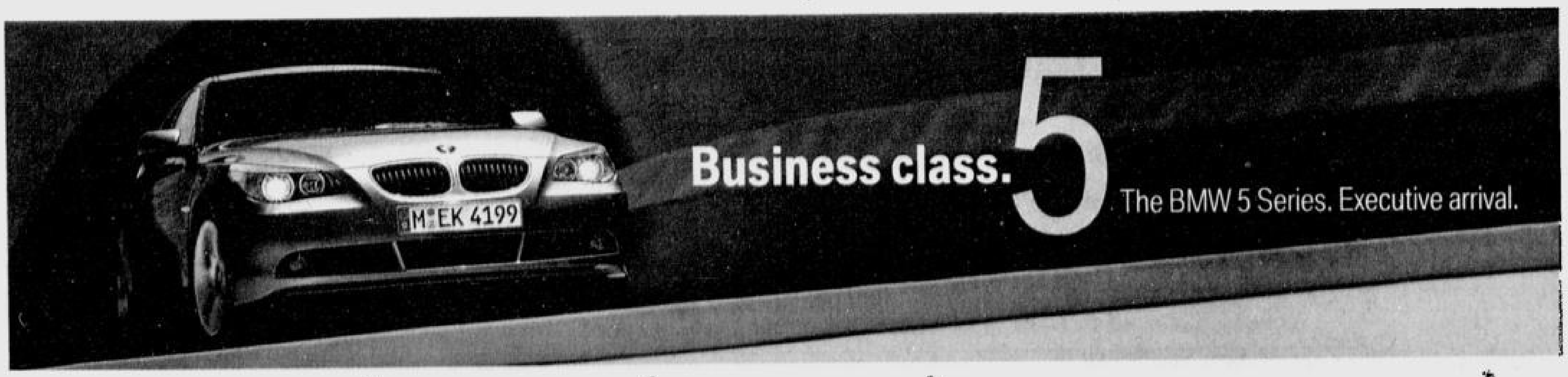
Rescue workers sifted through the rubble in Gaza and El Bureij refugee camp. There were no reported casualties.

Hours earlier Israeli artillery gunners had opened fire on suspected rocket launching sites in northern Gaza after darkness on Tuesday, shelling the area for the first time since Israel's Sept. 12 exit from the zone its army had ruled for 38 years.

The shelling came after a rocket slammed into a street in the southern Israeli town of Sderot.

A previous rocket barrage drew threats from Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz that militants "will be hit again and again until they understand there are new rules to the game" and that Israel would respond to any attacks.

Israeli troops also mounted fresh raids in the occupied West Bank, where it has arrested dozens of suspected militants in recent days. *Reuters*



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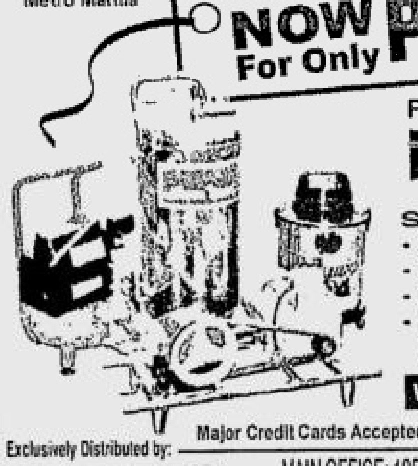

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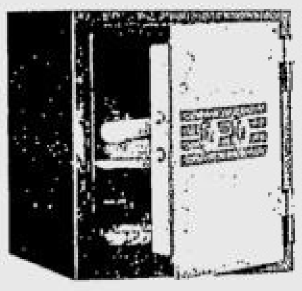

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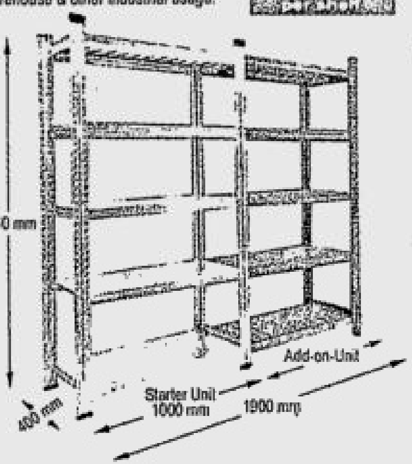

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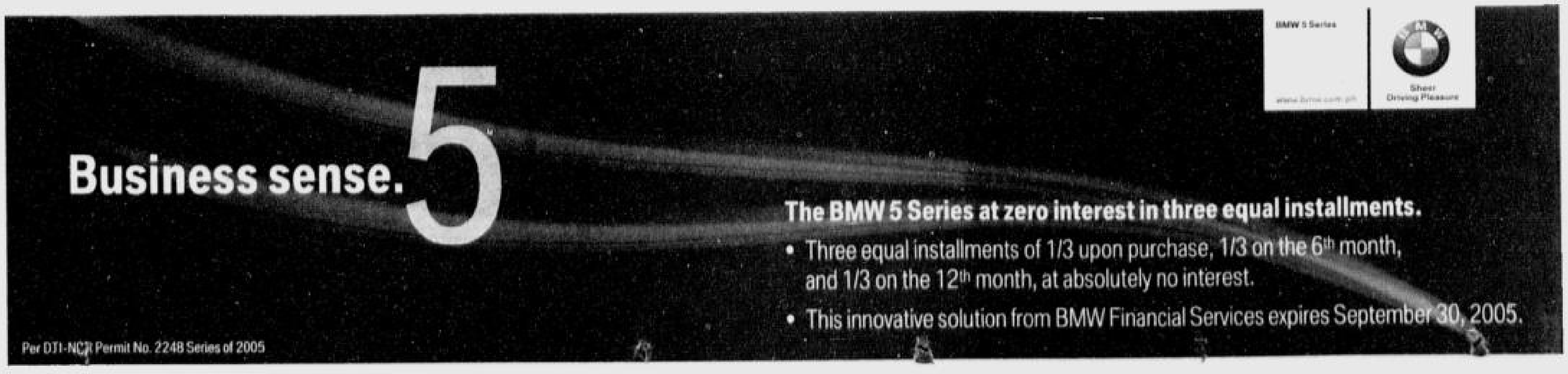

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Japanese researcher Dr. Tsunemi Kubodera smiles as he shows a giant squid on display at the National Science museum in Tokyo, the same size as the giant eight-meter Architeuthis he has captured in the wild for the first time on camera. The images, taken in the deep sea at 900 meters off Japan's Ogasawara islands Sept. 30, 2004, will appear in the journal Proceedings B of the Royal Society this week. REUTERS

Blair rules out withdrawal from Iraq

BRIGHTON, ENGLAND—PRIME MINISTER Tony Blair ruled out a withdrawal of British troops from Iraq and gave no hint of when he would leave office—two issues of burning interest to his governing Labour Party.

In a passionate speech to the party's annual conference on Tuesday, Blair said Britain had a duty to defend democracy in Iraq.

He set out a sweeping agenda for his final term in office, hoping his vision for Britain will quell demands from sections of the party that he step down early. Speculation over when Blair will quit has dominated the convention, with all eyes on his likely successor, Treasury chief Gordon Brown.

Blair gave no hint of when he would go, and instead promised bold reforms of Britain's public services. With critics agitating for a smooth handover to Brown within a couple of years, Blair's timetable to secure a political legacy other than Iraq may be tight.

"The world is on the move, the change in the early 21st century even greater than that of the late 20th century. So now in turn, we have to change again," said Blair, insisting the party must continue with what he calls modernization rather than shift back to the left.

He said that in the era of globalization, with increasing competition from emerging economies such as India and China, Britain must continue to invest in its skills base and in education. Blair also repeated his call for economic reform of the European Union and held up Britain as a success story:

"This is a country today that increasingly sets the standard. Not for us the malaise of France or the angst of Germany," he said, pointing to high unemployment in continental Europe.

Blair's enthusiastic support of the US-led invasion of Iraq caused his popularity to slump, and although Labour won a third consecutive election earlier this year, its huge lead in Parliament was slashed—prompting questions about his leadership and authority.

Disquiet about Britain's involvement in Iraq has grown since Sept. 19, when rioters in the southern city of Basra attacked British troops with petrol bombs when the soldiers attempted to rescue two comrades who had been detained by Iraqi police.

"I know there are people, good people, who disagreed with the decision to remove Saddam by force," Blair said. "Yes, several hundred people stoned British troops in Basra. Yes, several thousand run the terrorist insurgency around Baghdad. And yes, as a result of the fighting, innocent people tragically die. ... But eight and a half million Iraqis showed which future they wanted when they came out and voted in January's elections.

"And the way to stop the innocent dying is not to retreat, to withdraw, to hand these people over to the mercy of religious fanatics or relics of Saddam, but to stand up for their right to decide their government in the same democratic way the British people do," he said, to applause from delegates.

The conference is the first since Blair declared last year that he will not seek a fourth term in office.

Although he could serve as prime minister until 2010, some want him to step down in favor of Brown sooner. The issue has dominated chatter among delegates in the corridors of the conference center in Brighton. *AP*

Iraq says al-Qaida No.2 killed

BAGHDAD—IRAQ said Tuesday it had killed al-Qaida's number two in the country, a claim denied by the group, as a suicide bomb attack on a police recruitment center south of Baghdad left 10 people dead.

Al-Qaida in Iraq said the militant was only "one of the soldiers of al-Qaida and the commander of one of its units operating in Baghdad," dismissing the claim as a "farce" designed to raise US morale, in an Internet statement.

Iraqi national security adviser Muwaffaq Rubaei said a militant called Abu Azzam whom he described as the number two of al-Qaida in Iraq had been killed.

Abu Azzam, also known as Abdallah Nahim, but whose real name was Abdallah Mohammed al-Juhaari, was "the second-most wanted al-Qaida person in Iraq", the US military said.

He was shot early Sunday during a US-Iraqi raid on a flat in Baghdad following a tip-off, US military spokesperson Lt. Michelle Lunato said.

"During the operation, which was held with the intent of capturing him, he fired and he was killed by return fire," Lunato said.

Rubaie described his killing as "a major coup." *AFP*

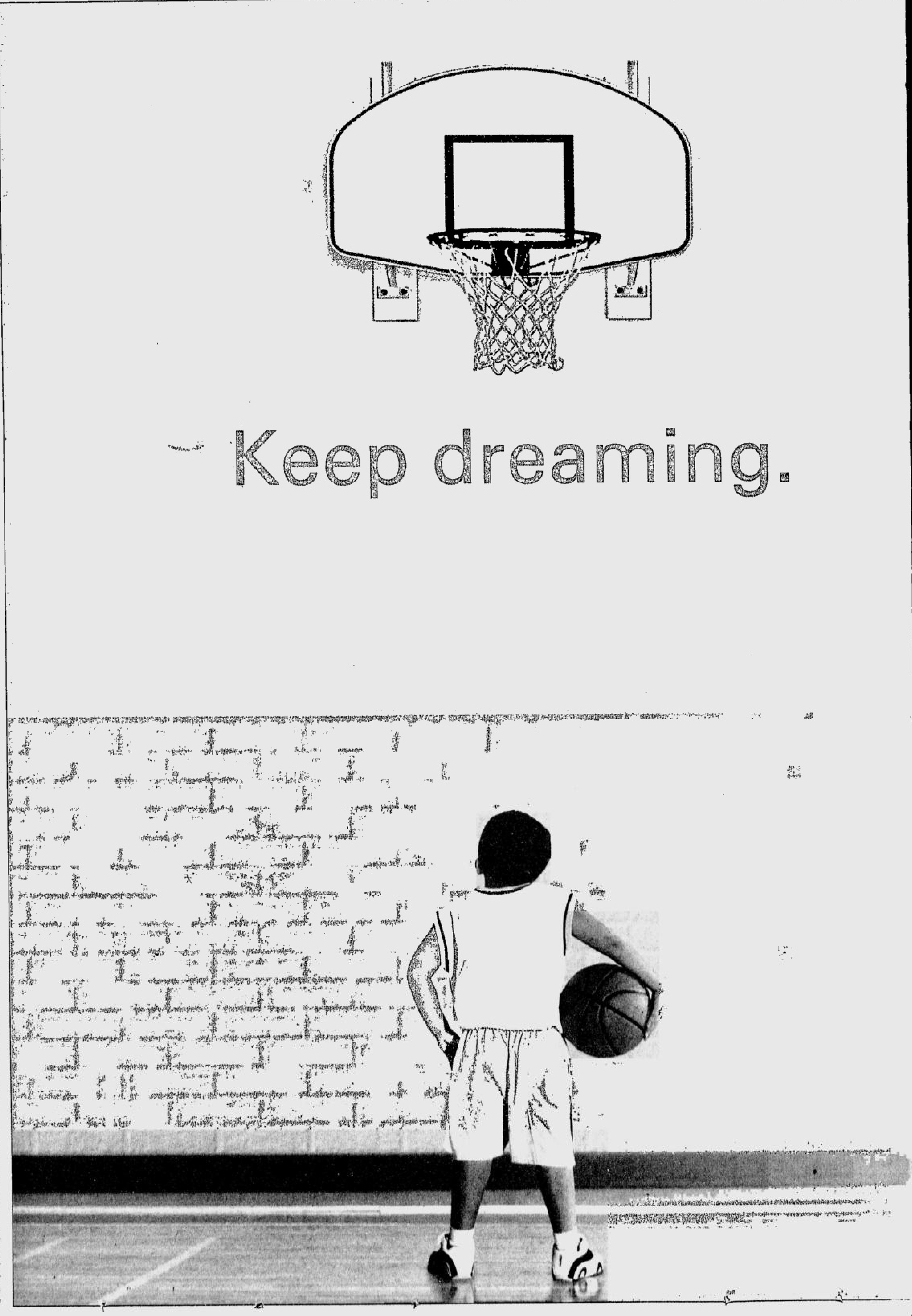
US soldier gets 3-year jail term

FORT HOOD, TEXAS—US Army private Lynndie England was sentenced to three years in prison and granted a dishonorable discharge by a military court Tuesday for her role in abusing Iraqi prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad.

England, who became infamous when photos of the diminutive soldier holding a naked prisoner by a leash were broadcast across the globe, shed silent tears in court after her sentence was announced.

She was found guilty Monday of one count of conspiracy to maltreat prisoners, four counts of maltreatment and one count of committing an indecent act.

A visibly shocked England bowed her head as her mother, Terri, walked over and consoled her with a hug after the verdict. *AFP*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Galaxy 8 times larger than Milky Way found

WASHINGTON—ASTRONOMERS USING TWO of Nasa's most powerful telescopes said on Tuesday they have detected a "big baby" galaxy, vastly heavy for its young age and its location in the early universe.

The discovery was surprising, since astronomers have long theorized that galaxies form when stars gradually cluster together, with small galaxies preceding bigger galaxies.

But the stars in this cosmic infant—less than 1 billion years old—have eight times the mass of those in the 13-billion-year-old Milky Way.

The young galaxy was found by researchers using Nasa's Hubble and Spitzer space telescopes who looked back in time to a point some 800 million years after the Big Bang explosion.

The discovery of this massive, well-developed galaxy at such an early point in time means astronomers may have to adjust their ideas on when galaxies and other cosmic objects can form, said Massimo Stiavelli of the Space Telescope Science Institute, which deals with Hubble's findings.

"It means that the process of galaxy formation started really very early on," Stiavelli said. "It pushes back things like first light, which is the thing we are all hunting for."

Before the emergence of the first light source, the universe is thought to have been suffused with a generic glow, caused by microwave background radiation from the Big Bang.

The galaxy, known as HUDF-JD2, was hiding in a tiny patch of sky—about one-tenth the size of the full moon—known as the Hubble Ultra Deep Field, because the Hubble Space Telescope made a detailed survey of this area. *Reuters*

Mayan city found in Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY—A Mayan city whose fabulous art has beguiled collectors for decades but whose true location was until now a mystery has been pinpointed in the jungles of northern Guatemala, scientists said on Tuesday.

'Site Q' has been a Holy Grail of archeology ever since an exquisite set of Mayan artworks from the period A.D. 600 to 900 showed up in US and European museums and galleries in the 1970s.

Now researchers have found a sculpture at ruins long known as La Corona in Guatemala that matches the mysterious gallery pieces, said Salvador Lopez, Guatemala's head of historical monuments.

International researchers had increasingly speculated that La Corona was Site Q, and the recent find leaves no doubt, Lopez said.

"The panel confirms that this is Site Q," he told Reuters.

Many of the carved stone sculptures that began appearing three decades ago bear a strange snake-head glyph. They had so much in common that experts soon speculated that they had all been looted from one Mayan city. *Reuters*

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Martial law?

EDITORIAL

IF THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION AND SOME SECTORS of society have sounded the alarm over repeated sightings of the specter of martial law, the administration has only itself to blame.

On September 21, on the 33rd anniversary of the infamous Proclamation 1081, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita introduced the new policy of "calibrated preemptive response," to control or counter street protests.

As we have already pointed out, the new policy is neither calibrated nor preemptive; instead, it commits the authorities to an inflexible course of action. It also provokes more protests, and encourages more people to take to the streets, because it dramatically widens the scope of public outrage, to include an attack on basic rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

(Last Monday's violent rally on Mendiola Street, in front of Malacañang, is only the first of many attempts to prove that the new policy is ultimately undemocratic.)

The day after Ermita's announcement, the President made one of her own. Saying she was "tired of chasing the bully around the schoolyard," she said it was time to get tough on those who spurn her offer of reconciliation.

"Those who will accept my call for unity, they're welcome. But those who won't and would continue to disrupt government, we, from the top to the barangay officials, will enforce the rule of law," she told an assembly of barangay officials in Pampanga.

The unwarranted display of presidential impatience, the unjustified assumption that the previous policy of maximum tolerance had been "abused," the unsupported contention that street protests "hurt the people" and "undermine the rule of law"—in a single speech, the President dissipated all the goodwill she may have generated two weeks ago, when she presided over the UN Security Council summit. By drawing a line in the sand, she drew closer and renewed attention to the central issue currently exercising the body politic: her own crisis of legitimacy.

(Ironically, by calling for a hard line against her critics, the President only added to their number.)

A few days after that intemperate speech, Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez made a startling admission: He said he had instructed some of his closest aides to study a possible takeover of vital businesses, including power firms, airlines and shipping companies, in the event the global oil crisis led to a national emergency.

He dismissed claims by opposition leaders, such as Makati City Mayor Jejomar Binay and lawyer Francisco Chavez, that his research project involved the declaration of martial law. "You cannot declare martial law without the support of Congress. It will be crazy for the President to declare martial law when we know that Congress does not approve of it, what with the present climate in the Senate," Gonzalez told the INQUIRER.

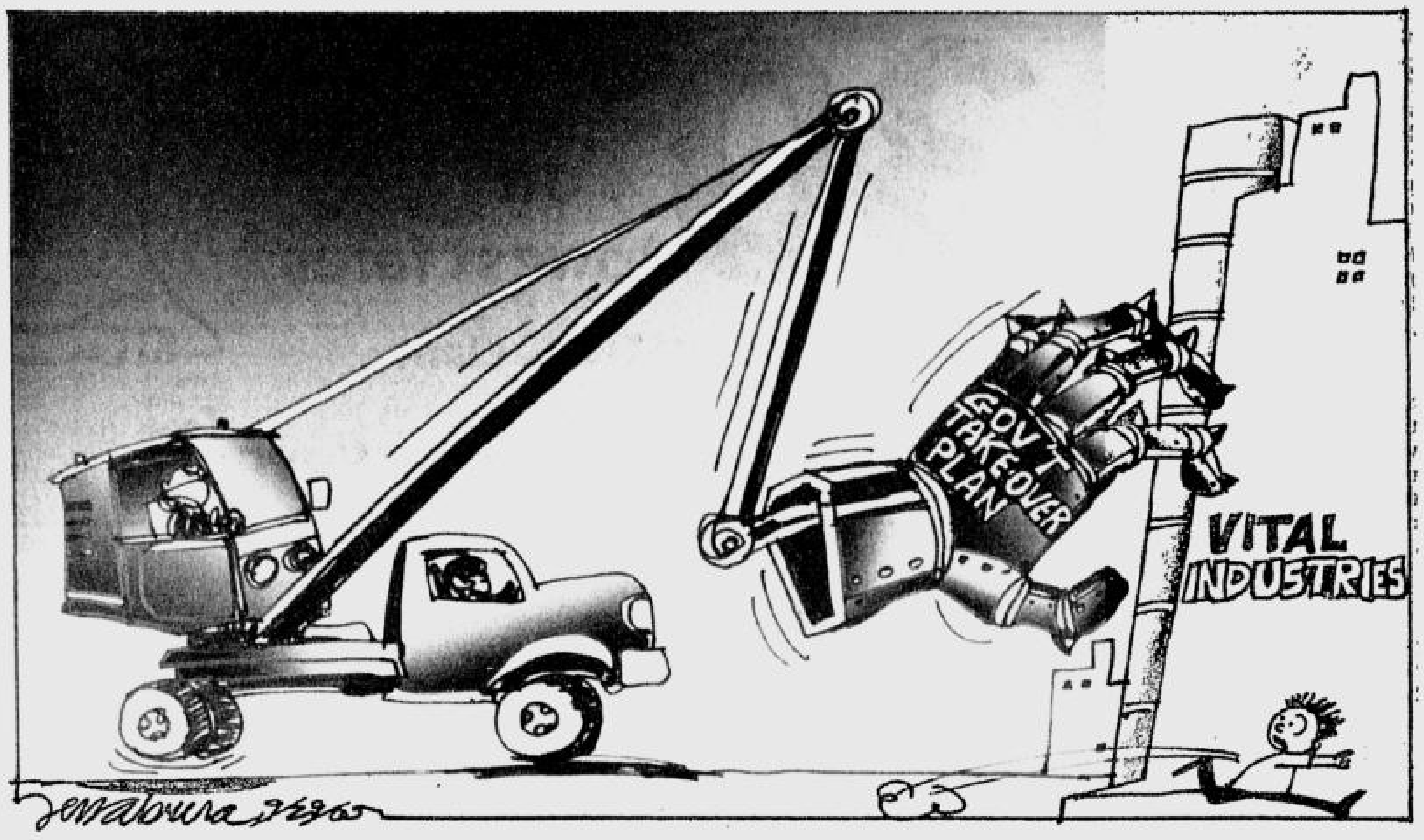
He clarified, however, that he had not consulted the President on the matter under study; in another interview, he said he had merely anticipated a possible need of the President, in dealing with a possible national emergency.

Since then, even the President's closest allies have distanced themselves from Gonzalez's emergency plan. In rather baroque language, Cebu Rep. Antonio Cuenco told Gonzalez to drop the idea. "I urge Secretary Gonzalez to restrain his Rasputins from further making any comments on their Machiavellian research, which has created chilling effects on our civil liberties, [or] order the same to be shelved and banished forever in oblivion."

Ever the politician, Speaker Jose de Venecia addressed himself directly to the political issue at hand. "I will oppose martial law," the President's principal ally said. "A declaration of martial law would not pass Congress," he added for good measure.

But the damage had been done. Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye now chides the opposition for spooking the public with lurid tales of military rule, but in truth the opposition has been merely reading the signs Malacañang itself provided. Binay and Chavez may have been rattled by what they thought was the reappearance of martial law past, but given the signs, who could blame them? (They continue, in fact, to maintain their original claims.)

There would be no talk of ghosts, if there were no ghost stories.



Returning to all that?

VIEWPOINT

Juan L. Mercado

PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA—"TELL ME," THE lady asked with newsroom candor. "Was I right in calling you a fool?"

Former Evening News desk editor Carmen Hernandez-Villanueva did call me an idiot. That was over dinner, in this placid town by Stanford University, some years back.

We had given up our US "green cards," we told her. After 19 years of United Nations postings abroad, we were returning to the Philippines. We signed INS form 1-407: "Abandonment of Lawful Permanent Residence."

"You're a fool," she snapped. "Many of our leaders are corrupt. Our elites have Sacred Heart and Our Lady portraits on their front gates but treat household like dirt. You want to return to that?"

It's been some time since we "returned to that." Now, we're in the United States visiting our kids in California, Michigan and New York. They opted not to "return to that."

Many families were driven to the United States, Australia, Canada, United Kingdom and "far away places with strange sounding names," by the Marcos dictatorship. First generation immigrants often look back, the consul said. But their children tend to sink roots in the land that gave them refuge. They become citizens. Has anyone tallied the cost for the loss of such kids?

A lawyer trained at the Jesuits' Boston College, our eldest daughter lives in Palo Alto. She married a Stanford physician and is raising our 4-year-old granddaughter. And whenever Alexia tags along with her dad to Stanford Hospital, the Filipina nurses there pamper her. "*Mestiza*," they tease her.

But creaking knees and grey hair now make such family visits rarer. But we touch base with friends from way back. Like Carmen. Such associates ask the nettlesome—but relevant—questions. Was it Laetres who counseled: "Those friends thou hast/And their adoption tried;/Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel."

"There've been times I've wondered if you were right after all," I told the lady editor. That sinking feeling surges when incidents erupt, like the "Garci tapes," *jueteng* scandals, or Imelda's catfight to recover sequestered jewels. Earlier, Eduardo Cojuangco's "Brat Pack" tried to impeach Chief Justice Hilario Davide.

"It's hard to keep vomit down when the corrupt parade as lily white crusaders," I tell her, "and nausea, for many, becomes a given."

That's unavoidable when, a Marcos-era henchman like Panfilo Lacson, for example, perorates on human rights. Jinggoy Estrada was derisively tagged as "Jingle Bells" in the Erap impeachment examination of jueteng skimoffs. Yet, "Jingle Bells" denounces gambling links of the Arroyo regime without flinching.

Has this country become hopeless? INQUIRER's Conrado de Quiros once asked. But these doubts surge—and ebb.

Hope resurges from many unheralded citizens who "serve without counting the cost." We all have encountered them, both in and out of government.

The late Haydee Yorac was one. Her detention during the Marcos regime burnished the steel in her. She displayed that will, as peace negotiator, elections commissioner and Presidential Commission on Good Government chair. She won the Magsaysay Award for Good Governance. Senators Joker Arroyo and Ramon Magsaysay rightly urged that she be interred in Libingan ng mga Bayani. Yorac didn't wheedle for that honor. Ask Imee.

Prisons like Cebu's Bagong Buhay Center are so crammed that Sr. Gloria Ando and colleagues have to step carefully. Otherwise, they'll tread on some ill-fed, half-forgotten prisoner. "The smell is awful," she wryly admits. "TB is as rampant as despair." But they bring medicine, food supplements, stamps, messages, letters—and hope. But cranking out a press release never crossed their minds.

At Boracay, three brothers dig into their pockets to provide nutrition packets, immunization shots and teachers for Ati children—who otherwise could not cope with the already low standards in public schools. They're sending some Ati kids through college. Future hope for the Atis will come from their own educated leaders, the brothers are convinced. They shun publicity. "Let not your right hand know what the left does."

Similar examples abound—from teachers to honest jeepney drivers. What does all this mean?

Disenchantment with government has been thoroughly reported. Too much, say press critics, that it causes national depression. But what is below the surface is under-reported, so far. This is the gradual shredding of "the man on a white charger." Delusion.

There's a growing appreciation that the future will ultimately rest on ordinary folk doing things for themselves. They'll knock off "leaders" from the stallions of privilege by wringing accountability from them. It's the citizens mounting those white chargers within their own daily lives.

We mistook People Power as a one-shot-cure-all proposition, even while failing to correct those social injustices that jack up the "allure of toxic leaders." Thus INQUIRER's Randy David suggests: "Instead of thinking of people power as a single event…think of it as a continuing process."

For a journalist in his twilight years, tracking this painful maturing process of a people is a challenging process. It provides direction when we wonder if it was worth "returning to that."

Returning to all that also enables us to wish Filipinos leaving the country at the rate of over 3,568 daily, in search of elbow room denied them at home: *Vaya con Dios*.

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DEAR CITIZENS:

I don't know if it's just me, but don't you find anything odd about the decision of Malacañang to protest the grilling of National Security Adviser Noberto Gonzales by the Senate?

If you recall, Gonzales was caught with his pants down—my apologies for spoiling your breakfast with that figure of speech—selling the country to, well, if not the enemy, to an American lobby group named Venable. Venable was supposed to lobby the US Congress to fund Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's plan to change the Charter. Last we looked, of course, the Charter was still an exclusively Filipino matter and the United States was not part of the Philippines. Apparently, the national security chief thought we had annexed that country while the world slept.

At the Senate hearing, the senators heard nothing. That was because the national security chief said nothing, figuring his own security, and that of his boss, was in dire peril. Either that or he was scared that the senators might find out he was no more the guardian of this country's security than his namesake Raul Gonzalez was the guardian of this country's justice, than the bishops were the guardian of this country's morality. Or he might have remembered Mark Twain's famous aphorism that it is better to keep your mouth shut and look like a fool than to open it and confirm the fact.

Gonzales has committed a monumental—well, the official term is—"lapse in judgment," by asking the US Congress to help us write our fundamental law; Gonzales has lapsed into a profound silence concerning a matter that threatens the security of our nation; Gonzales has delivered a master stroke by suffering a minor stroke. And whom does Malacañang want to punish for this?

The senators.

Astounding as that is, there is something even more astounding. That is **not** the fact that many commentators on TV and radio and the newspapers are enthused by the sagacity of this thought, agreeing wholeheartedly that Malacañang's move champions the separation of the branches of government. It is **not** the fact that many lawyers in this country are full of praise for the wisdom of this thought, arguing earnestly that Malacañang's move champions the rule of law. It is **not** the fact that many bishops and businessmen are full of whatever and find absolute merit in this thought, thundering that at last we are glimpsing the light of reason amid the chaos.

What is most astounding is that you, the citizens, find this the most natural thing in the world. I take this by your silence. As profound as Gonzales being struck dumb by the march of truth, or the seriousness of Joker—whichever he found more terrifying. I take this by your inaction. As staggering as the bovine indifference of animals being led to the slaughter or the unfathomable stillness of the cosmos—whichever is the more mind-boggling.

Gonzales' lapse in judgment is but the latest in a series of lapses in judgment that is causing this country to lapse into a coma. Individually, these lapses in judgment do not just gnaw at the foundations of democracy, they strike down the foundations of decency. Yet, you stand by and do nothing. GMA lies about not running again, and you do nothing. GMA cheats you of your vote, and you do nothing. GMA steals your right to gather to protest, and you do nothing.

I don't know which scares the hell out of me more, the period before martial law or today. At least before martial law, one worried only about what Marcos would do. One worried what new and devious plot he was hatching in his tortuous brain. One worried what whole new dimensions of oppression he was bent on springing on an unsuspecting public. Today, one worries not just about what GMA would do, what new threshold of good manners and right conduct she will overstep. Today, one worries as well about what you, the citizens, will not do. One worries about what new slap in the face you will be willing to take, what new imposition you will be willing to suffer.

People have been warning loudly that if GMA makes the mistake of declaring martial law, she will have doomed herself, this country will not take it sitting down. I am not so sure about that.

At the very least, that is so because you learn to live with new levels of intolerance each day, saying what else is new, that is to be expected from GMA, and you will get the worst and not find anything new in it. People do get inured to flogging, the hides on their backs thicken, and they do not feel anything anymore when the whip bites into their flesh. That is how tyranny flourishes. All it takes is to reconcile yourself with the first lie or act of injustice. The rest follows easily.

At the very most that is so because I don't know that you will recognize martial law when it stares you in the face. If even your bishops have lost the faculty to see the truth about GMA's illegitimacy, notwithstanding the "Hello Garci" tape, notwithstanding her apology, and notwithstanding God's writing on the wall ("Signs of the Times," I recall, was the title of their pamphlet during Marcos' time, resonating with prophetic vision), then I wonder if you haven't too. As it is, martial law has already crept up on us. In lieu of a muzzled press, a bought one; in lieu of civil liberties, banned rallies; in lieu of spreading fear, eroding values; in lieu of justice, the law of the Firm; in lieu of "vox populi, vox Dei," "vox GMA, vox Garci." And you do see nothing.

There is only one thing worse than being silenced, and that is being mute. There is only one thing worse than being blinded, and that is being blind. There is only one thing worse than chafing at your chains, and that is loving them.

There is only one thing worse than GMA ruling by fiat. That is a people not caring that she does.

GMA's reward to allies: good governance

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

THERE IS PRESSURE WITHIN THE LAKAS COALItion to remove the House members who voted for President Macapagal-Arroyo's impeachment from House chairmanships and other juicy posts. I suppose that is natural. Those who supported President Arroyo risked a lot in the face of surveys claiming that the majority of Filipinos wanted her impeached. I admired those representatives from Metro Manila who went all out for her even though the metropolis was said to be overwhelmingly for her impeachment. In fact, the great majority of Metro Manila representatives, including many neophytes, threw their support behind GMA—in the belief that doing so was in the interest of the nation. These included Representatives Ricky Sandoval of Malabon, Benhur Abalos of Mandaluyong, Miles Roces of Manila, Ed Zialcita of Parañaque, Connie Dy of Pasay, Del de Guzman of Marikina and Mary Ann Susano of Quezon City.

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Reports say the leaders of the House, led by Speaker Jose de Venecia, are open to allowing the handful of Lakas coalition members who voted for impeachment to keep their chairmanships, perhaps, for the sake of unity. But if there is resentment among the rank-and-file members, the renegade congressmen should consider resigning their chairmanships out of *delicadeza*, instead of waiting to be kicked out. They gambled and lost, and that's how it goes. A number of congressmen who joined the opposition in the voting have already given up their posts, but there are still many who haven't.

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In past columns, I tired to analyze the reasons why the pro-impeachment representatives lost their case. As I noted earlier, a major reason was the justifiable worry of many House members of a possible worsening of the economy. Ilocos Sur Rep. Eric Singson said at the voting that he felt sad because his child and the latter's family had left to live abroad because they felt that the situation here, with all the politicking, has become hopeless. Quezon Rep. Danny Suarez noted that, in April 2005, the government registered a record-high tax collection. But last May, the Garci tapes and the *jueteng* scandal broke out; in July came the resignation call from the Hyatt 10, Cory Aquino and Franklin Drilon, followed by the the impeachment case in August. Without those developments, he stressed, the exchange rate would be $1 to P50. Rep. Herminia Ramiro said: "Putting the impeachment issue to rest will make our country move forward."

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During the impeachment debate, GMA's supporters strongly resented the insinuation that they were "bought" with pork and perks, while their pro-impeachment colleagues were "idealistic" and righteous. Manila's Rep. Benny Abante, a preacher, said it well with a thundering voice during the voting: "No one has a monopoly of the truth, conscience and righteousness." Zamboanga del Sur Rep. Isidoro Real asked his colleagues not to "insult" those who were voting for GMA by insinuating that anti-impeachment representatives sold their votes, or were "suppressing the truth." Real stressed that he was voting for GMA because she won in his province fair and square, and he attributed it to her allocating P2 billion in the last two years mainly for the construction of roads there. "We never had it so good," he said.

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Other representatives debunked allegations that GMA cheated in collaboration with former Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano. Cebuano lawmakers Nerissa Soon-Ruiz, Simeon Kintanar and Antonio Cuenco vehemently denied any fraud in their districts. Soon-Ruiz pointed out that GMA won her largest margin of victory in Cebu in the sixth district. Cuenco suggested that the best way to put to rest all the allegations of cheating in Cebu was to open all the ballot boxes within three months. On the other hand, Rep. Roberto Cajes of Bohol complained that the battery of opposition lawyers never registered any complaint during the 2004 elections; so, he wondered where all the charges of cheating came from. Camarines Norte's Renato Unico pointed out that far from cheating, GMA lost in his province while he himself lost in the capital of Daet.

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Perhaps the major factor for the anti-impeachment victory was the vital role of the House leaders in marshalling the votes. Credit should go mainly to Speaker De Venecia, who was in command every moment of those weeks and whose loyalty to GMA never wavered (even though his own leadership would have been imperiled if they lost the case). But a lot of credit should also go to the other leaders: Deputy Speakers Emilio Espinosa of Masbate, Raul del Mar of Cebu City and Gerry Salapuddin of Basilan; Majority Leader Prospero Nograles of Davao City and key chairpersons like Rolando Andaya of Camarines Sur. In addition to the interminable caucuses, the majority applied tight man-to-man guarding, so that any defection to the other side could be detected fast. Nograles tirelessly stuck it out at the House justice committee hearings. Also a key player was the amiable Mindoro Rep. Girlie Villarosa, who played tireless mother-hen to House members, particularly the 36 female legislators.

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This account would not be complete without mentioning the hard work and dedication shown by the legal eagles, like Edcel Lagman (who confessed that his mother got calls asking why her son wanted to junk the three complaints), Luis Villafuerte Sr. (who wrote the justice committee report until 3 a.m. of that Monday, Sept. 5), Maurice Domogan, Arthur Defensor and Salacnib Baterina. And last, but not the least, Rep. Simeon Datumanong of Maguindanao who displayed the patience of Job. As Rep. Prospero Pichay put it once, "GMA is so lucky to have Datumanong on her side."

The best reward GMA could give her faithful allies is good governance.

'The Philippines' nondiscriminatory embrace'

HUMAN FACE

Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

"Everyone has the right to a nationality."
Article 15, UN Declaration of Human Rights

"THEY HOPE TO TELL THE WORLD ABOUT THE boundless love that returned to the remaining boat people their inalienable human dignity. That boundless love is none other than the Philippines' nondiscriminatory embrace." This moving statement is in a document written on behalf of the Vietnamese boat people who had opted for permanent settlement in the Philippines.

I shed tears when that was read at the inauguration of Vietville in Puerto Princesa City in Palawan in 1998.

For so long, they were without a country. There was no room for them in the inn. It was the Philippines that made their long wait bearable. It was, in fact, the Philippines that gave many Vietnamese boat people a permanent home when no country out there wanted them.

"16-year stopover finally over," the INQUIRER said two days ago of the Vietnamese boat people who made the Philippines their temporary home. Finally, 229 of them were winging their way to the United States, which for so long denied them entry. They were just the first batch of the group of 1,600 stateless individuals who were swept into our shores. The rest will be flying, too, in the weeks to come.

But many will be staying behind—either by choice or by force of circumstances. Many have settled in Vietville in Palawan.

It is a long complicated story. Remember the messy forcible repatriation in 1996. That happened with the so-called "receiving world" wanting to see an end to the exodus of boat people from Vietnam. The Philippines, home to the United Nations-run processing camps for about two decades, was left with stateless people in its hands. The Philippines had done its part to provide hospitality and services.

In 1996, the UN High Commissioner on Refugees (UNHCR) set up restrictive policies to drive the asylum-seekers home. A rigid and prohibitive regimen was imposed on the Philippine First Asylum Camp (PFAC). Self-help projects, education and skills training set up by church NGOs inside the PFAC were abolished. Voluntary repatriation was the UNHCR's offered option. This resulted in hunger strikes and suicide attempts in the Bataan and Palawan refugee camps.

The Catholic Church hierarchy thought of a more humane solution. A memorandum of agreement with the government gave the remaining boat people (RBP) options better than repatriation to Vietnam. But the RBP had to move out of the camps to an open site under the Church's jurisdiction. This arrangement allowed many to continue studying and earning a living like legal residents. But they could also opt for repatriation or wait for visas peacefully.

In July 1996, the so-called chapter of the Indochinese phenomenon in the Philippines came to an end. More than 700 persons chose to be repatriated to Vietnam while 1,589 others registered for residence. Some 350 applied for temporary residence while waiting to be reunited with their kin abroad. The rest opted for permanent settlement. They are the "Vietnoys" in Vietville.

And so began the efforts to set up a village. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines' Episcopal Commission for Migrants and Itinerant People raised $1.3 million from concerned individuals (many of them Vietnamese boat people who had made good abroad) and from funding institutions.

At that time, there were the so-called "ODPs" who had come under the "orderly departure program" but who remained in limbo. These were the ones who departed from communist-ruled Vietnam through the auspices of the US government. They were not boat people. They were brought here by the US military for processing and had been promised residence in the United States or a third country. They did not think they should be repatriated. They were the hold-outs in the Puerto Princesa camps.

Those who came after 1989 via the South China Sea or any route were no longer going to be considered asylum-seekers but economic migrants and would need to go through the regular immigration process. Worse, they could be suspected as criminal fugitives.

Such was the dilemma of the Vietnamese here. During the intensive repatriation drive, some Filipinos took pity on them and took them in.

Well, now the time for many of them to fly to the country of their dreams has come. Will the Philippines remain in their hearts?

In 1995, I did a feature story "Citizens without A Country," for the Sunday Inquirer Magazine. This was about Vietnamese-Filipino families who were in limbo. They were the so-called DPs or displaced families.

Le Thi Khanh came in 1975 with her Filipino partner, German, and their children. German worked in Saigon for seven years. The war between the US forces and Vietnamese communists forced many people to leave. What happened next was something straight out of a movie melodrama. Khanh and the children found themselves sharing a roof with German's first wife and seven children. But there was no turning back. Vietnam was in flames.

German soon died and Khanh was left to fend for herself and her children whose status was always problematic. One grown son could not take the board exams.

I don't know how the DP families whom I wrote about are doing now. They were, at that time, living in a low-cost housing project of the Archdiocese of Manila. I remember Khanh looking so aged at 53, showing me a photo of herself in Vietnam, looking so svelte in a low-cut dress.

She was pounding pandan leaves when I came, extracting its juice for the *bansuse* (like our *suman*). The smell was sweet, a reminder of the old Saigon she knew before love and war changed her life forever.

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Five months

THE LONG VIEW

Manuel L. Quezon III

WHAT IF WE ALL TALK ABOUT THE PRESIdent? But like a promo, for a limited time only. I suggest five months, during which we can all devote our energies to thinking about life beyond the presidency of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. After all, unless she intends to be president or prime minister for life, four things will happen in five months.

The first—the Charter change campaign will hit high gear, in which case the nation's energies will be focused on resolving the question of whether to accept or reject amendments to the Constitution. The second—if that doesn't happen, the campaign for the elections of 2007 will begin. If Ms Arroyo is still President by that time, the elections will either be a sweeping endorsement of her incumbency, or leave her as the lamest of lame-duck presidents in our history. The third—the one-year limit on impeachment will have run out, and the President will have to face a new impeachment attempt. And the fourth?—If Charter change pushes through, and one by virtue of an amendment she has to leave office by 2007 or, say, no changes are made and she manages to stay in office until 2010, life for her will be a living hell as case after case is filed against her in the courts.

In five months, she will have to appoint around four Comelec commissioners, so we will know if she's serious about cleaning up our elections or not. In that period of time, our Congress will have to pass a new budget, so we will know what the true cost of the President's governance—and continuing it—will be. Within that time frame, the specific constitutional amendments will have been formally proposed, and we will know if by then the House has moved without waiting for them, in which case we will know if either the President or the House care about what people think. In five months, those preparing for the next impeachment will have done their research and can tell the public if they really have a case. Leave the oldies alone, and let's tackle some serious business.

The first is, let us make the demographic reality a political reality. The demographic reality is that we are a young nation ruled by elders we generally disrespect, despise and distrust. The political reality is that we must prepare to systematically, methodically and ruthlessly eliminate the elders from the country's political landscape.

Second, let us (no 40-year-olds or more, please) decide on what we like about ourselves and what we no longer want to tolerate in ourselves, in each other, and in our leaders. Do we want to make life easier by paying little bribes, and to make our businesses more convenient by paying bigger bribes? I would even accept that if we all like bribes, because bribery makes the world a little easier, then let's listen to the foreigners who say, they don't mind bribing Filipinos, as long as Filipinos are like government crooks elsewhere in the world: the bribes are predictable, and when a service is paid for with a bribe, one actually gets what he pays for.

Third, let us decide what sort of national government we want. I think we absolutely love the idea of voting for the head of our country, whom we call the president. But let's think: maybe, for a position which, in its present form, was invented in 1935—when Manila had less than 1 million people and the entire country about 12 million—we are giving our recent presidents too much to do. Perhaps, we should limit the responsibilities of the president to things that are purely of national concerns, such as foreign policy, defense and security, and international trade. If we want to limit the president's responsibilities, then we have to turn over other responsibilities to other officials: why not, for example, allow congressmen to become members of the Cabinet? And perhaps, we should elect our senators by region, just so no one can say that their area is not represented in the Senate; and limit the powers of the Senate to veto or send back legislation, instead of mysteriously working with the House in a body called the "bicameral conference committee" which is accountable to no one but Congress itself.

Fourth, let us understand how our leaders and representatives do their jobs, as well as our expectations of them. What does a president do, and why do we elect a vice president? Why do we have a Senate? I think a Senate is necessary. Most countries seem to think that an upper chamber is a good idea. Do you? And if not, why not?

These are just some interesting proposals, and more besides. Such as dividing the country into 11 states, replacing our present provinces. Can we live with 11 state governors instead of 79 provincial governors? In other words, do we want federalism; if we want it, will our local officials support it? And do we need to elect so many people? I, for one, share the observation of one senator that the most useless position in our country is that of councilor. The councilors, of course, will object to this. But what if our barangay captains formed the municipal or city council, and our mayors formed the provincial boards? We elect far too many people, who get to appoint too many people.

And finally, there are the questions of education, of creating jobs, and of justice. Our generation is better at problem-solving than our elders. So let's start solving the problems. We have five months to do it. Because by the 20th anniversary of the Edsa Revolution next year, history will ask you: Are you prepared to take your turn, or do yo prefer to remain an Edsa baby all your life?

'Ukay-ukay' junkie

YOUNG BLOOD

Kalayaan Fuego

We want to know what the young are thinking about. What are their thoughts on current issues? We welcome contributions from the twentysomething and below.—Ed.

I AM NOT A *FASHIONISTA*. I DON'T FOLLOW TRENDS OR collect designer clothes. But my closet contains every fashionista's must haves: a Giordano top, a CK jeans, a Marks and Spencer skirt, a Hush Puppies shoes, and so on. The newest addition to my collection is a classic Chuck Taylors, a United Colors of Benetton shirt, a white, tiered skirt from an unknown designer, and a sequined clutch from a Hong Kong brand. I am not a fashionista but I own those fashionista pieces.

And yet, I'm not getting a big paycheck; neither am I receiving a hefty allowance. I am only a student, and our family income is just about P140,000 a year, making it impossible for me to splurge on expensive clothes. But I can afford having a fashionista wardrobe. Thanks to the surplus shops of used clothing, where a pair of Hush Puppies shoes only costs a hundred bucks, a cute top just a couple of P5-coins, and designer clothes are juxtaposed with unknown brands and labels, all in a wonderful heap.

I am just a practical shopper, that's why. The thought of spending a thousand bucks for just a pair of jeans makes me cringe, and buying a pair of shoes which costs over P500 gives me a twinge of guilt. In fact, I won't buy a shirt if it isn't priced below P200, shoes P300, and a pair of pants P500—original or second-hand.

As I said, I don't follow trends. But I am somewhat ahead of the trend. Before bohemian clothes came into fashion, I was already into sequined tops and embroidered bags. Before ballerina shoes and mules were in vogue, my own pink ballerina shoes were already worn and torn.

All my fashionista items were bought from the *ukay-ukay*. Such stores in Cubao and Baguio—even the inconspicuous thrift shop at the corner—are a practical shopper's haven. Aside from offering the cheapest clothes, albeit second-hand, they carry the most unique and unconventional attires—many of which may have seen better days in market outlets—usually from SM, and more recently from local manufacturers like Bench ("I love bench" T-shirts). There are even branded clothes that are, in a sense, notable for their lack of creative design. (Either the owners are too self-content showing off their brand, or their designers can't think of a design other than their outfits' logotypes.)

Wearing clothes from the *ukay-ukay* lessens the probability of bumping into another person wearing exactly the same clothes—a situation that, whether you admit it or not, is embarrassing. How many times have you rode a jeep and found yourself, to your chagrin, in the company of one or another person wearing the same shirt and color as yours, and all you could do was just act as if you didn't know?

For us who want to stand out in the crowd, whose fashion sense is not the basic jeans and T-shirts, who always like to experiment, who are not brand and price conscious, whose "wallet power" is restrained, whose idea of shopping is not limited to shopping malls, *ukay-ukay* is the place. However, if you're the type who can't stand shabby, hot, smelly stores, then *ukay-ukay* is not for you.

You'd probably ask how I could take to using somebody else's discard. I'd say "*Konsultahin ang panlasa, pero sundin ang bulsa* (Suit your taste, but follow the dictates of your pocket)"—two lines from "Ukay-ukay," a poem in Pananaw X, a literary folio.

Whenever my peers ask me how I get my clothes from the *ukay-ukay*, I always would tell them that shopping in an *ukay-ukay* requires patience and diligence. It's, in fact, a virtue.

For one, the typical *ukay-ukay* store is not air-conditioned, and it's dimly lit, without proper ventilation even. Aside from that there are no sales ladies to assist you. You have to find for yourself the right the stuff according to your own standards. That could mean patiently going through rows and rows of clothes on hangers (most of the time they're segregated according to type: pants, sweaters, skirts, shirts, etc.) or sifting through heaps of used clothes—for hours. And when finally you find the thing that suits your taste or appeals to your interest, you have to scrutinize it from collar to hem, from inside to outside, for any defect in color or whatever or for a possible torn. If it passes the "quality check," you then proceed to the fitting room (if, fortunately, there's one), and see to it that it perfectly fits you. That's why shopping in an *ukay-ukay* is a "eureka" experience.

Then comes the paying time. Some *ukay-ukay* stores have set prices, others allow for some haggling. You'd end up, maybe, with a skirt, a blouse and a bag, for less than P200—definitely more additions to your wardrobe, and enhancing your reputation of being a fashionista, without even wanting to.

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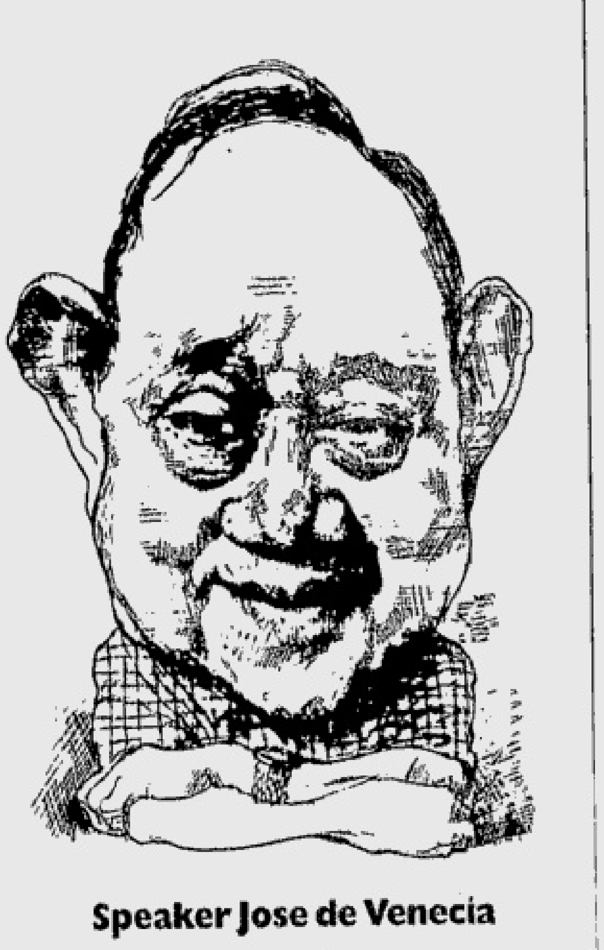

Speaker Jose de Venecia

LETTERS

Higher skies, Filipinos' boundless capabilities

THIS IS A REACTION TO GILDA FERNANDO's article, "Sky not falling, or why expats choose to live here." (PDI, 8/21/05)

In 1998, I opted to reestablish my life in the Philippines, despite the country's many problems. I chose to lead a new, uncharted life of hard work over the comfortable city life I had come to be familiar with and enjoy. Why?

There is no denying that Japanese society has its own virtues and values which helped the Japanese gain economic prominence in the world arena. However, as Shoko Matsumoto, Fernando's friend, pointed out, almost everything in Japan today is so neatly fixed no one can change it from within. The structural reforms in Japanese society instituted in the past came as a result of heavy and persistent external political pressure from the major players of the world, such as the United States, not from within the existing system.

Post-war economic progress has made most Japanese so content with themselves that many of them today find it difficult to understand the fundamental fact that people in other countries, whose economies do not measure up to Japan's, can be as happy as they are.

In fairness, the continuing progress in Japan today is the result of the never-ending efforts of open-minded, highly intelligent, competent and innovative Japanese. However, Japan has become so "fixed" such that it seems it can no longer offer a colorful life.

On the other hand, the Philippines is uncertain of itself—its present is unstable, it has no confidence in its politicians, and, seemingly, there is a sense of mutual indifference among social classes.

Yes, the Philippines is a-brim with possibilities. The country is not—and cannot afford to be—static as it struggles to survive in the community of nations. Global developments will inevitably influence the Philippines and its people in the way they manage their lives, and thus will the nation be prodded on to venture into changes with the future in mind. And here, foreigners like myself can help by serving as "bridges" between nations.

It is fundamentally wrong and unfair to judge a country based on its shortcomings. Take my country, for example. It was poor and dirty and widely scorned a few decades ago.

I have seen many Filipinos who have opted to hold their ground in their motherland to contribute to efforts at improving the country. What is the key here? Perhaps, the Philippine government should stop the exodus of capable and competent Filipinos. For should they choose to stay here, they would make for a bigger middle class which is the driving force that determines the character of a country. That a great number of Filipinos are successful elsewhere in the world should be proof enough that Filipinos are a capable people.

If competent Filipinos stop thinking about migration and choose to hold their ground at home, they can make a difference. And if they do, the sky will go up higher...

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JDV's debt-for-equity pitch is deceptive and treasonous

DECEPTIVE and treasonous. This is how citizens should see Speaker Jose de Venecia's debt-for-equity proposal to the United Nations and international financial institutions.

JDV's proposal seeks to convert 50 percent of our foreign debt into ownership of basic social services (including education, hospital and health care, mass housing, infrastructure, reforestation, clean water, irrigation and postharvest facilities, eco-tourism and wealth-creating projects, among others) by foreign creditors.

When he touted this scheme as a "creative way of managing external debt," he must have meant "a creative way to circumvent the constitutional restrictions on foreign ownership and exploitation of natural resources, and to dilute government's responsibility in the delivery of basic social services." With his proposal, he is making the United Nations a stamp pad for his age-old campaign to allow foreign ownership in the country through Charter change. Although, this time, he had hoped that this would pass notice by hiding under the UN's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Speaking on behalf of indebted countries, JDV has made his proposal a pitch for "honorable" debtors who are "not asking for charity' but for "fiscal relief." Paying debts is about honor. Turning foreign creditors to owners of this land is deception and treason. These creditors must be expelled in the first place for putting us in this precarious fiscal situation by imposing onerous preconditions.

The MDGs seek to achieve attainable goals by 2015. JDV's proposal seeks to bury the Philippines, along with 100 other indebted countries, in a graveyard before that year. The perfect time when our leadership in Congress must think of more rational policy options responsive to our debt problems is now. There are still other ways to get out of the debt trap.

The law on automatic appropriations for debt payments, a debt audit and possible repudiation of illicit debts, and a review of our foreign investment policy are the more "honorable" paths that Congress should take. JDV and his gang should not make the Filipino nation a laughingstock before the international financial community.

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Yorac's wake not a shabby affair

THE WRITE-UP BY MARIANO A. SANTOS in the Sept. 18 issue of the INQUIRER about Haydee Yorac's wake in Chicago depicted the event as a shabby affair not befitting someone of Haydee's stature. Haydee's family and friends take offense. We were never approached by the reporter who wrote the piece, but our names were mentioned as if we were interviewed for the story. The reporter barged into my sister's wake in Chicago and we are indignant that the article he filed was full of inaccuracies.

We would like to point out that the report got the following things wrong:

1. My sister did not die of kidney failure; the primary cause of her death was pneumonia and infection. She was also diagnosed with ovarian, not cervical, cancer.

2. Cremation was never discussed with anyone other than immediate family members.

3. Northwest Airlines does not fly via Los Angeles from Chicago to Manila.

4. There were more than 30 mourners at the wake. Some came to visit; others came just for the service. Only close friends and relatives were invited and yet many other sympathizers came.

5. The casket was never draped with the Philippine flag. The flag was displayed next to the casket.

6. Haydee's photographs were not taped to the wall. We used pop glue furnished by the funeral home, the reason why the larger photo came loose; but it did not fall to the floor as reported.

7. The spray of flowers on top of the casket was made up of white roses, not lilies. The funeral director told us we were only allowed three sets of flowers; hence, there weren't more.

8. Haydee did not live in seclusion when she was in the United States. We always went out to shops, museums and parks. We also went for long drives.

9. Her favorite TV shows were not "Law and Order" and "CSI." These were just a passing distraction.

—MARGOT YORAC

THERE was no intention on the part of either Mariano A. Santos, the writer of the article in question, or the INQUIRER editors, to portray the brief wake held for the late PCGG chairperson Haydee B. Yorac at the Smith-Corcoran Funeral Parlor in Glenview, Chicago, as a "shabby affair." On the contrary, Santos, editor in chief of a Chicago-based publication Pinoy Monthly, explained in reply to Ms Yorac's letter that "it was not our intention to downplay the significance of the wake" or "to diminish the care and attention the Chicago-based sisters of Attorney Yorac provided to their late sister," but simply "to emphasize how private and intimate the sad occasion was." Santos said he went to the wake twice, the first time with one of his reporters, and "the [Yorac] family was very kind to accommodate our questions and allow us to take photos."

Santos apologizes to the Yorac family "for any distress that we may have caused." The INQUIRER regrets that, given the pressure imposed by deadlines, it was unable to clarify some portions of Santos' story.

—LORNA KALAW-TIROL,
Readers' Advocate

A display of wastefulness and extravagance

POLITICIANS AND OTHER "CONCERNED" groups should stop flooding the major dailies with paid advertisements expressing support for President Macapagal-Arroyo and the so-called "rule of law."

The money that they waste on such senseless advertisements should be used instead in more meaningful undertaking. The cost of a full-page advertisement, for instance, could already send a child to school, provide a homeless family with more than a month's rent, feed a number of street children, procure instructional materials for barrio schools, or heal the sick.

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LLDA clarifies fees for use of lake

PLEASE ALLOW US TO CLARIFY some issues raised by the Federation of Fishpen and Fishcage Association of Laguna Lake and its president, retired police general Marino Filart, in the column titled "Laguna Lake group airs complaints," of Doris Gaskell Nuyda. (PDI, 7/24/05)

The issues have been adequately addressed in a meeting held July 1, 2005 in Calauan, Laguna. LLDA Board Resolution No. 249 only approved the proposal of the Laguna Lake Development Authority to increase fees and charges but not the final/new rates.

This increase in fees and charges is in line with EO 197, dated Jan. 13, 2000, which directs all instrumentalities of the national government, including government-owned and controlled corporations, to increase the rates of fees and charges by not less than 20 percent. The EO provides a continuing basis for fee adjustments.

The argument—that the proposed fishpen/fishcage fee increases are extremely excessive compared to the DENR's lease rate of fishpond and timberland lease—does not hold water. The concept of fishpen and fishcage fees is payment for use of water resources.

It is the opinion of the federation that EO 927 prohibits the LLDA from increasing its fees. In that July 1 meeting, it was clarified that the EO referred to the sharing of fishpen fees between the LLDA and LGUs, which should not change. Part of the registration fees collected from fishpen and fishcages go to LGUs as mandated by EO 927, to be used for environment programs and projects.

Illegal structures have added up to the carrying capacity of the lake to a little more than 10,000 hectares, not 18,000. The LLDA has been monitoring illegal structures, demolishing them as warranted. We immediately implemented the DENR memorandum setting a moratorium on the processing of applications for new fishpens and fishcages. We have distributed flyers and posters to the barangays informing them about the circular.

The federation complained about fish growth. While some fish show slow and stunted growth, other fish such as the bighead carp are noticeably growing bigger and faster. The operators should check if they are exceeding the stocking density per hectare. Fish growth is hampered when the carrying capacity per hectare is exceeded.

Much of the pollution in the lake comes from households. It is high time that each of us realize and take responsibility for proper waste disposal instead of just blaming the government.

The LLDA, with the support of the river councils and other concerned entities, has been proactive in its mandate to conserve and protect the lake and its resources. Through the Laguna de Bay Institutional Strengthening and Community Participation (Liscop) Project (funded by the World Bank and the Netherlands government), we are doing everything to arrest the degradation of the lake and its tributaries.

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Time to review power to appoint

THE NON-APPOINTMENT OF MAJ. Gen. Samuel Bagasin as Southcom chief was another self-serving political decision made under the sole prerogative of a President. It showed that no amount of merits, performance and excellence can overrule that special presidential prerogative, putting to waste the microscopic evaluation made by the Board of Generals.

The Bagasin episode unmasked the self-serving interest fighting for political survival, while abandoning the best interest of the military organization and the Filipino people.

I think it is time to review and amend the laws governing the President's power to appoint.

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Palparan to use terror vs guerrillas

FORT MAGSAYSAY, NUEVA ECIJA—THE NEWLY designated commander of the Army's 7th Infantry Division here said the military's use of force is the most effective way of fighting insurgents and their supporters in the country.

"This is the essence of the coercive power of the state. Under this, we have the authority to terrorize the bad elements of society," Maj. Gen. Jovito Palparan, 7th ID commander, told local reporters in a press conference here on Tuesday.

Human rights groups in Eastern Visayas, where Palparan was previously assigned, documented more than 500 cases of torture, harassment, abduction, missing individuals and killings of civilians during his stint as 8th ID commander.

Reports said these alleged human rights violations occurred after Palparan vowed to crush insurgency in Eastern Visayas, particularly Samar, within six months to a year.

Palparan, who assumed leadership of the 7th ID here on Sept. 1, dismissed the accusations as "baseless." The division covers Central Luzon and parts of Pangasinan.

He said the use of force against rebels should be done properly.

He said this should include good intelligence work and the use of "massive psychological warfare" which involves intensive explanation of government's thrusts and programs "coupled with elements of coercion."

"This is what our enemies are doing. They are using propaganda against the government, against the military, and when they fail, they use terrorism. We will use the same strategies against them," Palparan said.

He said communist rebels collecting revolutionary taxes and their benefactors were equally liable under the law and should be charged before the courts.

"*Pero kung hindi sila susuko, tulad ng sa* police operation *na lalaban ang* suspect, *puwede mong patayin o puwede mong hulihin ang nagbibigay ng* revolutionary tax (But if they will not surrender, like in a police operation where the suspects are poised to fight, you can kill them or arrest those who are giving revolutionary tax)," Palparan said.

He said when his intensive campaign against the New People's Army and its revolutionary taxation system succeeded, he was accused of being a human rights violator.

"I was so determined in my campaign against them and so they accused me of human rights violation. I vehemently deny involvement in any human rights violation ... Show me the facts. What I knew was that those neutralized were deeply involved in the rebel movement," he said.

Palparan said he would need to study the insurgency situation in his new assignment in Central Luzon and Pangasinan before he decides on a time frame to stop or minimize the rebels' influence in his area.

In the last two weeks, at least seven NPA rebels were killed in separate clashes with government soldiers in Maria Aurora town in Aurora, and Lupao, Nueva Ecija.

Three soldiers, however, were killed in these encounters. *Anselmo Roque, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

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BUDDIES
Antijueteng advocate Archbishop Oscar Cruz and Puerto Princesa City Mayor Edward Hagedorn, appointed antijueteng czar by President Macapagal-Arroyo, pose for photographers and shake hands to seal their committment in the fight against illegal gambling.

VP declared persona non grata in Bulacan

MEYCAUAYAN, BULACAN—VICE PRESIDENT Noli de Castro was declared *persona non grata* by residents who were displaced by the demolition of houses and commercial establishments along the MacArthur Highway here to pave the way for the Northrail project.

During a protest march here on Tuesday, residents and members of various urban poor groups condemned De Castro, concurrent chair of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, for ordering the demolition of structures along the old track of the Philippine National Railways.

The groups that joined the protest were the Pederasyon ng Nagkakaisang Maliliit sa Riles, Ugnayan ng Maralitang Komunidad sa Lalawigan ng Bulacan (Umalab), Kilusan ng Maralita sa Meycauayan, Bulacan Urban Poor Federation (BUPF)-League of Urban Poor for Action (Lupa)-Bulacan, Kadamay and Akbayan.

"On behalf of our town mates, we declare that from now on, we will not allow the likes of De Castro and his cohorts in the HUDCC and NHA (National Housing Authority), especially demolition teams, to enter our town," the groups said in a statement written in Filipino.

They held the rally to stop the demolition of structures in Sitio Rosas Centro in Barangay Saluysoy.

Supt. Fernando Villanueva, Meycauayan police chief, said the National Housing Authority had tasked the demolition team with speeding up the clearing of the rail line on the orders of De Castro.

The Northrail, a priority project of the government, will provide a mass transit system from Metro Manila to Clark in Pampanga.

Villanueva said he was informed that De Castro wanted the demolition of structures and relocation of displaced residents in the town completed by Friday. *Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

ROUNDUP

3 kids die of dengue

DUMAGUETE CITY—Three more children in Negros Oriental died of dengue fever, bringing to seven the total number of fatalities in the province since January. The Integrated Provincial Health Office report showed that the children were aged 2, 7 and 11 years old and died between Aug. 15 and 30. Two were from Dumaguete and the other from Pamplona town. The four earlier fatalities of dengue were from Dumaguete and the towns of Valencia and Mabinay and Tanjay City. Provincial Health Officer Ely Villapando said there were 702 reported dengue cases in the province since January. Of the number, 357 were reported in August. Only 14 dengue cases were reported in the first week of September, he said. ***Romy Amarado, PDI Visayas Bureau***

Cop faces parricide

CEBU CITY—A policeman is facing parricide charges before the city prosecutor's office for killing his wife, also a police officer, last Sept. 11. PO2 Karl Lou Tejano, 26, who belonged to the 905th Provincial Mobile Group based in Zamboanga del Sur, was accused of killing his wife, PO2 Luchelle Luchavez of the Police Regional Office in the Central Visayas (PRO-7) family juvenile gender sensitivity section. Karl, who remained at large, allegedly stabbed his wife 21 times following a heated argument inside her room in Barangay Sambag I, about 100 meters from the PRO-7 headquarters, when she refused to go home with him in Pagadian City. Police said Luchelle used to be with the Zamboanga del Sur police women's desk but asked to be transferred to Cebu because she allegedly could no longer stand her husband's beatings. When her request was granted, she brought with her their year-old daughter to Cebu in July. ***Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau***

Student dies in blast

COTABATO CITY—An unidentified suspect lobbed an improvised bomb at a house here on Monday evening, killing a nursing student of the Notre Dame University. Insp. Samson Obatay, police precinct 4 commander, said Aisa Ismael, 21, was tending the family-owned retail store near her house in Lugay-Lugay in Barangay Bagua here when the bomb exploded around 7 p.m. Obatay said the suspect was in a motorcycle. Ismael was rushed to a hospital but died upon arrival. Police were looking at personal grudge as a motive for the attack. ***Charlie Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Marines kill wanted man

DAVAO CITY—Marines killed Lanao del Norte's most wanted man during an encounter in Barangay Paculundo in Balo-i, Lanao del Norte around 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Dolorfino, 2nd Marine Brigade chief, said. Dolorfino said Delieon Lope Mala, who headed a local gang notorious for involvement in highway robbery, extortion, kidnapping and murders, was in a motorcycle with two other suspects. He said the Marines earlier received information that Mala would be passing by so they conducted a stakeout. Dolorfino said the Marines tried to stop Mala and his companions by firing a warning shot but the suspects fired back, prompting a brief clash. Mala's two companions managed to escape. Dolorfino said the Marine's operation was part of its Oplan Walis, which is aimed at running after notorious criminals in the Lanao provinces. ***Joselle Badilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

Tight security in Parang

COTABATO CITY—Security measures have been tightened in Parang, Maguindanao following complaints by traders over kidnap and extortion threats hounding them these past days. Chief Supt. Sukarno Ikbala, police chief of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, said among the measures they took was the deployment of additional policemen in the town. "Several businessmen came to see key government officials and reported their receipt of extortion letters demanding P1 million in exchange for not being kidnapped," Parang Vice Mayor Adnan Biruar said. Ikbala said plainclothes policemen were also fielded near the residences and establishments of the recipients of the threats. ***Charlie Señase, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

No quarrel over house in Subic, says SBMA chief

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT—THERE WAS NO battle for Kalayaan 5000, the official home of the chair of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority at the Subic Bay Freeport.

That's as far as SBMA Administrator Armand Arreza was concerned, one of two officials whose men tried to secure the house on Sunday night.

"My predecessor (former SBMA Administrator Alfredo Antonio) had turned it over to me. My executive assistant Rani Cruz came to get the keys so we could start an audit of the place," Arreza said of the Sunday incident.

Only Cruz, not him, was around during the near scuffle with the security personnel of Zambales Gov. Vicente Magsaysay. The governor's son, SBMA Director JV Magsaysay, sent the security personnel, reports reaching the INQUIRER said.

Since the turnover of leadership took place just on Friday and because it was a weekend, Arreza said he sought help from his contacts in Olongapo City.

He said it was "very clear" to him that he was securing the place not for himself but for President Macapagal-Arroyo, as SBMA Chair Feliciano Salonga had planned.

Arreza on Tuesday said he was "worried" that the issue was being played up to "polarize further" Sen. Richard Gordon and Governor Magsaysay, who are long-time political enemies.

The Gordons and Magsaysay are reportedly maneuvering for political control of the SBMA for the coming local elections.

Arreza, who was finance chief during Gordon's stint as SBMA chair, said the Kalayaan 5000 controversy seemed to be an effort to throw a wedge between him and Salonga.

"We don't want those kinds of stories," Arreza said. He declined to say who were trying to worsen the already sour relationship between Gordon and Governor Magsaysay or who were seeking to cause tension between him and Salonga.

He said his son acted in the best interest of the SBMA since he is a director at the agency managing the conversion of the 12,000-hectare former American naval base into an industrial hub.

"You can't blame my son. Those who came in were not SBMA security personnel. He just wanted to be sure," Magsaysay told the INQUIRER.

Salonga said he has yet to make up his mind on where to hold office at the SBMA.

Resigned SBMA Chair Francisco Licuanan III gave the chair's office in Bldg. 229 to Antonio, who worked full time at the freeport. *With a report from Patrick Roxas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

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Rebels launch 7 simultaneous attacks vs gov't

BUTUAN CITY—NEW PEOPLE'S Army rebels launched a total of seven simultaneous attacks on military and police outposts in the Caraga Region last week and raided a construction firm early this week, authorities said Tuesday.

The series of attacks came days after self-exiled communist leader Jose Maria Sison ordered the NPA, the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, to step up its offensive against government targets.

On Saturday last week, heavily-armed NPA guerrillas separately raided paramilitary outposts in Cagwait, Cabongbongan, San Miguel and Lianga towns, all in Surigao del Sur.

While the attacks were happening, another band of rebels also stormed a detachment of the Army's 30th IB in Barangay Mahaba in Cabadbaran, Agusan del Norte, and of the Special Operations Team of the 36th IB in Barangay Masabong in Bunawan, Agusan del Sur.

Also, rebels raided a police outpost in a remote village in San Miguel town in Surigao del Sur.

Of the seven rebel-initiated attacks, there was no reported casualty on either side, according to the military.

The latest raid by NPA rebels in Caraga occurred on Monday when about 50 guerrillas burned a payloader owned by Filipino-Chinese construction firm Conception Basic Builders Inc. in Barangay de Oro here.

Senior Supt. Edgar Agustin, operations chief of the Caraga police, said all police commands in the region were placed on full red alert status.

In Cagayan de Oro City, the National Democratic Front (NDF) on Tuesday claimed that communist rebels killed at least four soldiers during an ambush in Balingasag, Misamis Oriental on Monday.

But Maj. Bartolome Bacarro, Army spokesperson, admitted that a five-minute encounter between soldiers and NPA rebels occurred.

He said the clash took place in Barangay Farmbugas in Claveria town on Monday. Barangay Pelaez is near Claveria town.

Bacarro said a soldier was wounded.

"The pursuit operation is ongoing," Bacarro said.

In Davao City, a group of indigenous people (IP) has criticized the military for allegedly forcing Ata-Manobos in Talaingod, Davao del Norte to take up arms against the NPA. *Franklin Caliguid, Grace Cantal-Albasin and Anthony Allada, with a report from Joselle Badilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Oriental Mindoro islands compete with Boracay

By Madonna T. Virola
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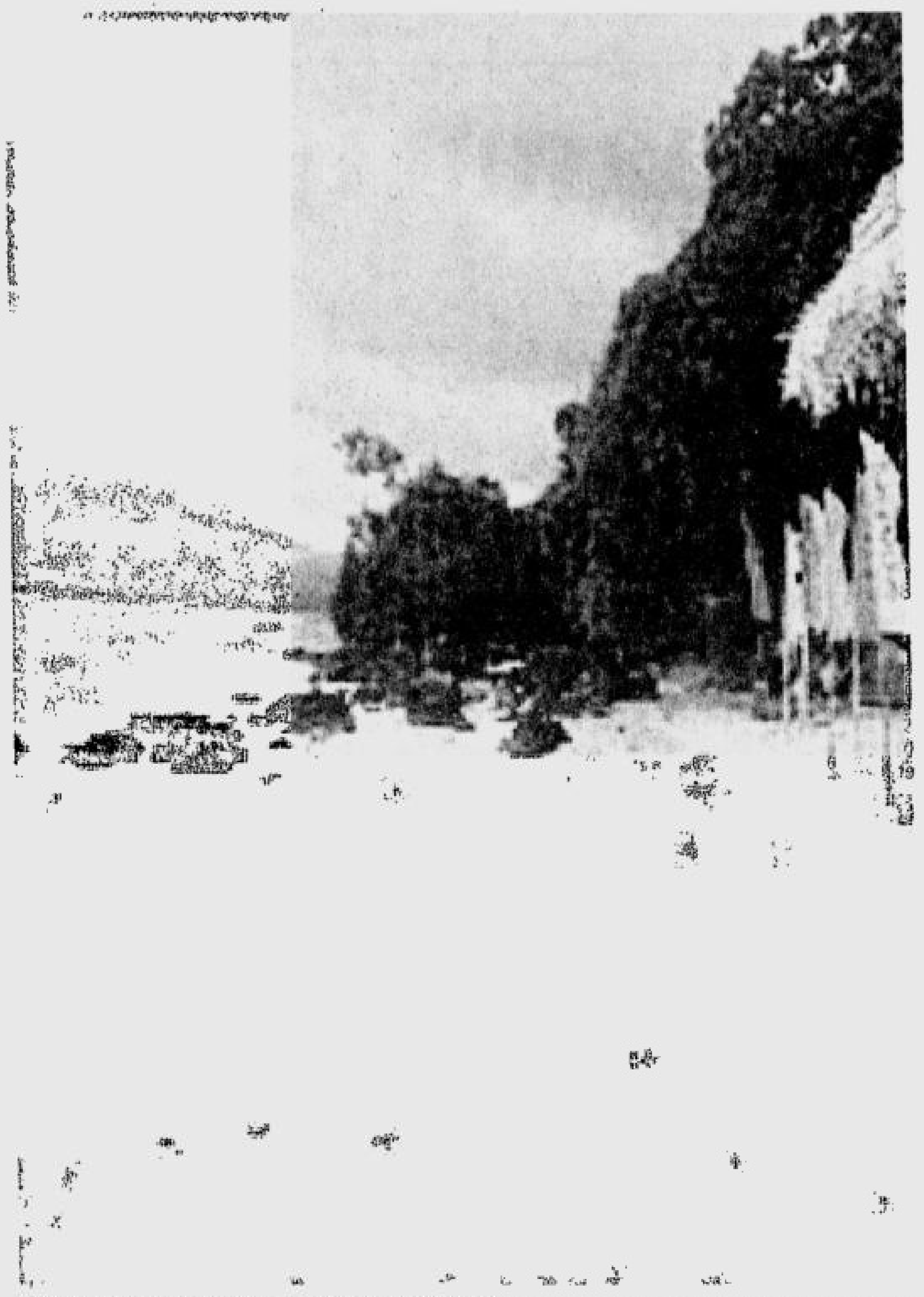

THE SHORELINE of Bulalacao Island, described by Cristina Ford as one of the most beautiful in the world.
JULIUS ERWIN CEZAR/CONTRIBUTOR

ABOUT THREE HOURS AWAY FROM THE FAmous Boracay Island lies Bulalacao, the southernmost town of Oriental Mindoro.

Bulalacao boasts of a number of white islands, coves and peninsulas that have been declared as a tourism zone and marine reserve by Proclamation 1801 dated Nov. 10, 1978, and for administration by the Philippine Tourism Authority.

The municipal government has listed 15 islets, 10 mountains and two falls in its brochure for tourists. At a minimum of P600, one can go island-hopping, after which a room accommodation can be had for P100 minimum.

The five-hectare Alibatan Islet has a lake in the middle, which is good as a hatching place for seagulls and turtles.

The presence of whales, due to its nearness to the channel going to San Jose, Occidental Mindoro, makes fishing dangerous.

Decorated by corals and oysters, the island is also called "Target Island" because bombing practices were made in this place in 1946 by the Americans staying in San Jose.

Sibalat Island, 2.5 hectares in area, is good for fishing and scuba diving. Half of the 12-hectare Aslom Island is planted to coconuts and a good place for ships to seek refuge during storms.

Maasin Island has an area of 90 hectares and is 7 kilometers from the town proper. Its periphery is full of cogon and its mountainous part faces Tablas Strait.

Between this island and Tambaron Island is a 30-meter fathom deep channel.

The 160-hectare Tambaron Island is a rocky and mountainous island separated by a channel from the popular Barangay Balatasan where people can enjoy floating cottages, fresh-from-the-sea fishes, pristine waters, a refreshing view of the mountain and sea.

Tambaron, 40 km from the municipality, is a hunting ground for wild pigs and monkeys. It is also ideal for cattle and goat raising.

Suguicay Island, named after its owner whose family name is Suguicay, is oblong shaped and about 10 hectares in area.

Suguicay is planted to coconuts and mangroves at both ends. It abounds with corals and different kinds of shells.

In Buyayao Island, a road connects the southern part to the northern part, which is planted to coconuts. Big snakes called "Sobre Kama" are found in "Malaking Yungib" (big cave) and in the mountain.

This 206-hectare island-forest is reserved with more than 500 forest species and wildlife—squirrels, deer, wild chicken and bear cat.

Erlinda Malamig, caretaker of Buyayao Island, said former Panamin minister Manda Elizalde partly developed the place which has been visited by Cristina Ford, socialite wife of Henry Ford II of the Ford Motors Co.

She was quoting Elizalde when she said Ford considered it one of the most beautiful islands in the world.

Liwagao Island, on the southeast portion of Bulalacao, is under dispute with the municipality of Caluya, Antique. About 100 hectares in area and with a long stretch of white sand, it has different classes of quality pebbles, coral formations and marine ecosystem.

Rising about 1.5 km from the poblacion is a 64-ha Tree Park operated by the municipal government. From there one is treated to a breathtaking view of Bulalacao Bay and the islands around.

Bulalacao is about four hours' drive from Calapan City. One can take a passenger van from Calapan to Roxas town, which is a two-hour trip, and then a jeep from Roxas to Mansalay town for an hour's travel. From Mansalay, a mini bus is available for the trip to Bulalacao. For a direct trip, a van can be contracted from Calapan to Bulalacao. One can also take a bus that goes to Occidental Mindoro and passes by Bulalacao but this takes about five to six hours.

Raids make 'Net providers look to other software

DAVAO CITY—THE RAID SCARE ON UNLIcensed software users shored up the interest of Internet service providers (ISPs) and cafés on open source software, including Linux.

The shift is projected to threaten the revenue of proprietary software, such as those of Microsoft, according to an official of a group advocating the use of open source software here.

Holden Hao, president of the Dabawe GNU Inc., a non-stock, non-profit organization that promotes the use of open source software, specifically Linux in the Philippines, said that unlike proprietary software, the blue print of open source software could readily be downloaded from the Internet without going into the licensing processes. Although Linux is copyrighted, meaning it could not be modified without the consent of the owners, it could be used for free.

Hao said Linux, which is considered the strongest competitor of the Microsoft operating software, has recently received a lot of inquiries as the Business Software Alliance (BSA) stepped up its effort against software piracy.

Hao said that consultation on the use of Linux increased by 100 percent following the raid scare.

In recent days, Linux only received one "consultancy client" per month.

"The number climbed to four clients per month after BSA's announcement," Hao said.

After the raid by National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) agents on users of unlicensed software, Hao said that Linux closed five additional contracts immediately.

He said that they were now receiving inquiries from the cities of General Santos, Cebu and Manila. *Judy Quiros, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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Ex-rebel goes through paradigm shift

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HE WAS A TOP LEADER in the communist movement, organizing nationwide and living in the mountains with the rebels.

When socialism collapsed in Europe in the late 1980s and the movement became fragmented in the early 1990s, Bernie Aragoza said he looked for another strategy to help the poor.

He found it in his work as consultant-trainer of farmers for sustainable agriculture at the Cavite provincial government.

"I realized that the bigger challenge is to change myself while changing society," the 55-year-old Aragoza said.

ARAGOZA had impressed singer Timmy Cruz with the principles of organic gardening in the promotion of values. MADONNA VIROLA

Unfair labor

Aragoza, who was born in Ilocos Sur, had been dismayed at the elite-controlled politics prevailing over the lives of the poor majority.

He dreamt of becoming a policeman and worked while taking up Criminology at the University of Manila, but he got exposed to unfair labor conditions and joined the Communist Party of the Philippines.

The movement recognized his commitment and talent , the underground movement, Aragoza was assigned leadership roles.

Aragoza became head of the CPP's National Trade Union Department which led the labor organizations that saw their membership rise to 400,000 in the 1980s. He also headed the CPP's Manila-Rizal Regional Party Committee.

A rebel's life

Aragoza joined the New People's Army and stayed in the mountains, including those in Mindoro, but rarely became involved in combats because his task was to provide political guidance to members.

He found his comrades better than some government bureaucrats who were into corruption and vices.

"We were not allowed hard drinks because these weaken control of the senses," he said.

He later had high blood pressure and high sugar count and to normalize these, he turned vegetarian, living on a macrobiotic diet and following the principle of healing through natural foods, as prescribed by a doctor.

"I got a distaste for chemical-based Calcibloc so I tried acupuncture and other health alternatives," he said.

Crisis

When little cracks in building socialist states in Russia, Eastern Europe, China and Vietnam broke, Aragoza began to question the strategy that he had adopted in his desire to uplift the lives of the poor.

The factions in the movement also grew but since he had no alternative yet, he stuck to it.

"But my enthusiasm was not as great as before," he said.

In 1994, the factional fight within CPP simmered down but many questions about life disturbed him.

At that time, he also had to contend with family problems so Aragoza asked for rest from almost 25 years of working with the movement.

"I told them that I could better observe and study what's going on from outside."

He also talked with a top government official to ask for assurance that he wouldn't be captured. He told the official that he was not surrendering, but was only taking a much-needed rest.

Aragoza then stayed with a farmer-friend.

Family

"It was also my chance to bond with my family that I had sacrificed not seeing for security reasons. For three-and-a-half years, I communicated with them only through a courier. My family also needed a fixed place for the children's schooling," he said.

Aragoza's wife was a former underground staff member and worked as a vendor to support their children.

Fortunately, all his three children, taking technical courses, got scholarship grants.

"Otherwise, I could not have afforded [their schooling] with only a P2,500-monthly allowance, and sometimes none at all, from the movement," he said.

The search

One day, as he was reading the INQUIRER, Aragoza saw an invitation for a vegetarian cooking lesson sponsored by Brahma Kumaris, a nongovernment organization that conducts meditation classes. He attended it but was dissatisfied with the menu of lasagna, which, he said, does not cater to the taste of the masses. "But I was impressed with the meditation teachers' [aura of] peace and cool."

As he did not want anything to do with religion, he asked a member what religion it was.

"When she said that it was not a religion but a university where you learn peace, it caught my interest," Aragoza said.

He was asked to attend a lecture of Dadi Janki, a senior Indian yogi recognized by scientists at the University of Texas' Medical and Research Institute as having a stable mind based on her brainwaves.

Amid about 400 people at the Asian Development Bank Hall in Makati, Aragoza, without mentioning his background, raised his biggest concern in life: "I'm at a lost, I don't know where to go."

Dadi Janki replied: "Have faith in God, that's all."

Aragoza was not satisfied with the answer but at the end of the program, he lined up and took a souvenir that served as a blessing from the organizers.

"I felt very light, and couldn't explain it," he said.

The experience of peace made him stay on despite several questions until he finished a course on meditation.

"I just liked the peaceful vibrations of the teachers and the [Brahma Kumaris] center," he said.

Along the way, his questions were answered one by one.

Missing link

"I started reflecting on the missing link in development work," Aragoza said. He began to think that changing society should address both material and spiritual levels. He shifted his paradigm.

"I now prefer a monarchy with a good heart than a democracy with demons. [The] structural system matters but the practice of spirituality is basic and should guide politics. This will bring about goodness," he said.

Aragoza worked as farmer-manager in San Mateo, Rizal for three years.

"I was reliant on my plants and supported my family with the sales. The stay in the farm gave me time to reflect and firm up my way in life," he confessed.

He influenced some farmers that he worked with on values. "To be a model, I refrained from all vices—smoking, gambling, women."

"I tell them that if only families planted, they'd live longer [and become] healthier and happier. Having no land is not a reason for poverty. A change in outlook in life and lifestyle is needed. *Hanapbuhay* (livelihood) is not only *hanap pera* (looking for money) but is also a way of life," he said.

Aragoza said land reform is very good and he hoped for an increase in land distribution. "But if the [agricultural] system is [amiss] like if there is an increase in chemical input, hope will be eroded," he said.

Pinoy spirituality

There is a need for wholistic development, Aragoza says he tells his clients. "People, including capitalists, have no contentment in life. Western countries who depend on material development, to the extent of exploiting other countries, are likewise never happy. Spirituality brings contentment," he said.

This spirituality could be found in the Pinoy tradition of *bayanihan*, where the essence of spirituality, which is cooperation and caring, prevails, he added.

"People will go back to the countryside if they see bountiful agricultural families. The hope is with the farmers who are self-sufficient, who know cash economy and have a balanced spirituality," Aragoza said.

He cited the 1988 Ramon Magsaysay awardee, the Japanese Masanobu Fukuoka, for his natural system of farming and lifestyle which he combines with spirituality.

"In organic farming, you only need a big heart like those in the movement and this is what it means to truly serve the people," said Aragoza with a wink.

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GMA wants Drilon ousted, prefers Santiago or Villar

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The Senate source, who requested anonymity, said Ms Arroyo made her sentiment known to an influential religious leader raising more accusations that she had started to crack down on those who supported the failed impeachment bid against her.

According to the source, the President expressed her preference for either Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago, or Sen. Manuel Villar to take over the top Senate post.

Drilon, who led the Liberal Party in calling for the resignation of Ms Arroyo amid charges that she had rigged the 2004 presidential election, confirmed there were moves to oust him.

Even so, the Senate leader said his position "is a gift of leadership given by the majority to a senator who enjoys their trust and confidence . . . (It) cannot be a gift from President Arroyo."

Stumbling block

He said he was hardly surprised that Malacañang as well as proponents of Charter change would seek his ouster. "There have been persistent reports that those who seek to railroad Charter change see me and the entire Senate as a stumbling block to their grand political designs."

Still, Drilon voiced confidence the Senate would remain a bulwark of independence and uphold the national interest. "Members of the Senate are independent-minded and are not known to march to the cadence of Malacañang," he said.

A few hours after 10 Cabinet secretaries and senior officials resigned and urged Ms Arroyo to step down on July 8, Drilon and his LP party mates issued the same call. They were joined by former President Corazon Aquino and a faction of the Makati Business Club.

Ms Arroyo rejected calls for her resignation and her allies at the House of Representatives subsequently quashed an impeachment bid against her.

After her triumphant visit to the United Nations early this month, Ms Arroyo reportedly made her move to oust Drilon, who keeps blocking her initiatives, including Charter change and the Chinese-funded Northrail project.

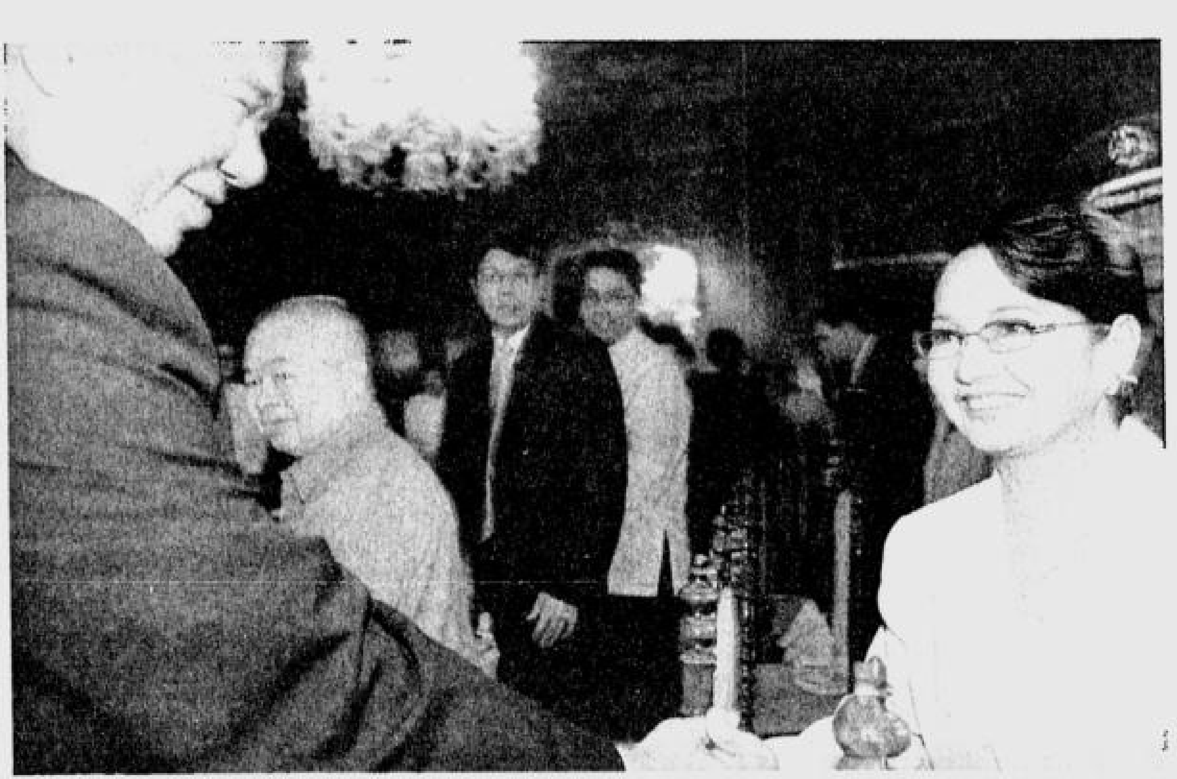
One-woman bloc

Santiago said she would accept the top Senate post if offered to her, but admitted she was a "bloc by my lonesome." Senate observers agreed that the feisty senator would have a hard time securing the support of 13 of her colleagues to replace Drilon.

Under such circumstances, Ms Arroyo is eyeing Villar for the top Senate post, according to the INQUIRER source. "Between Frank (Drilon) and Manny (Villar), she prefers Manny because Frank is no longer for her."

Villar, however, seems reluctant to renege on his term-sharing agreement with Drilon that was forged at the start of the 13th Congress in July 2004. Under the agreement, Drilon will serve as Senate president until next year and turn over the top post to Villar.

"I am not in a hurry (to become Senate president)," said Villar, whom Washington reportedly considers an "independent thinker." Villar leads the Nacionalista Party whose most prominent members signed and supported the impeachment.



ALL EYES (including that of Senators Flavier, Pangilinan and Roxas) are on President Arroyo and Senate President Franklin Drilon as they cross paths at the Palace before the start of the 104th Ledac meeting on Tuesday. LYN RILLON

Villar earlier told the INQUIRER that the NP, which has 20 members in the House, would bolt the administration coalition if the House leadership stripped his wife, Las Piñas City Rep. Cynthia Villar, and Cavite Rep. Gilbert Remulla, of their committee chairmanships. The two lawmakers had signed the opposition's impeachment complaint against Ms Arroyo.

After Ms Arroyo had made known her wish to oust Drilon, a spate of rumors about a Senate coup swept the chamber during the weekend before Congress resumed its session on Monday.

Arithmetic

Both Villar and Santiago, however, have admitted they do not yet have the numbers to unseat Drilon. An aspiring Senate president needs 13 votes to get elected.

At present, the Senate majority is made up of 15 senators—Drilon, Senate President Pro Tempore Juan Flavier, Senate Majority Leader Francis Pangilinan, Santiago, Villar, Joker Arroyo, Ralph Recto, Ramon Magsaysay Jr., Mar Roxas, Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr., Richard Gordon, Pia Cayetano, Lito Lapid, Rodolfo Biazon and Juan Ponce Enrile who defected to the majority last month.

The Senate minority is composed of Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr., Luisa "Loi" Estrada, Jinggoy Estrada, Serge Osmeña, Panfilo Lacson, Alfredo Lim, Jamby Madrigal and Edgardo Angara.

A senator aspiring to become head of the Senate must seek support outside Drilon's core group—Pangilinan and Biazon, both LP members, and Flavier, a loyal colleague.

Who's for whom

Villar can count on the support of two mainstays of the so-called "Wednesday Group"—Arroyo and Recto. Cayetano, Lapid and Revilla have reportedly joined some meetings of the group. Pangilinan is a member of this group, but he is expected to go for Drilon in a showdown, according to Senate insiders.

Santiago has reportedly the solid support of the mother-and-son tandem of Loi and Jinggoy Estrada. According to Jinggoy, he and his mother will go for Santiago in a Senate reorganization.

A senator allied with Villar said his group could secure the numbers "but at a high political price."

"We have to get from the opposition and we won't do that," the senator told the INQUIRER. Villar, former Speaker of the House, led the impeachment of Estrada who is now on trial for plunder.

Some majority senators have expressed preference for a status quo. They include Flavier, Roxas, Lapid and Gordon. Even Lacson, an opposition stalwart, said the minority expected Drilon to stay on.

Malacañang is not supposed to interfere in the internal affairs of the Senate, a coequal branch of government. It is common knowledge that the President may influence the composition of the Senate leadership as what happened in 2004 when Ms Arroyo endorsed Drilon's bid for the chamber's top post.

In his time, Estrada preferred Villar to be House Speaker over then Rep. Joker Arroyo

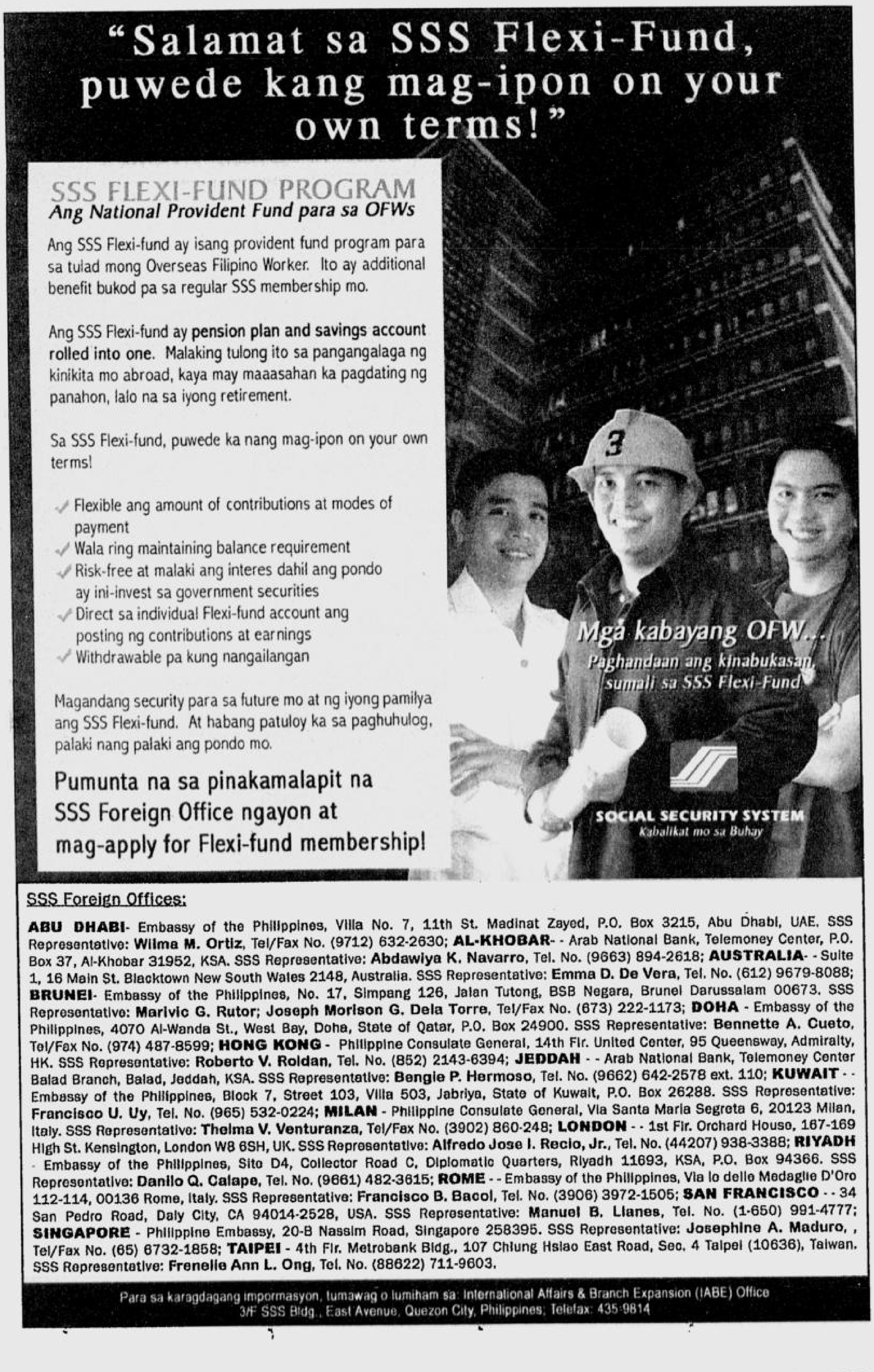
More investigations

The move by Ms Arroyo to boot Drilon out of the top Senate post also came as the chamber lined up a number of investigations on various controversies involving her.

Malacañang has asked the Senate to cancel three major investigations this week—on the wiretapping controversy, the Venable LLP contract and the allegedly overpriced Northrail project.

The wiretapping investigation by the Senate committee on national defense and security chaired by Biazon proceeded as scheduled yesterday. (*Stories on Page A1.*) But the Senate committee on foreign relations chaired by Santiago canceled its inquiry on the Venable contract.

Drilon said the Northrail investigation by the Senate acting as a committee of the whole will also proceed as scheduled today.



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alarm bells ringing in the House of Representatives.

"It's an opportunity for big use, and a very big door for abuse," Davao del Sur Rep. Douglas Cagas, vice chair of the House appropriations committee, said at the budget hearing yesterday.

Pork barrel finances pet projects of members of the House of Representatives and the Senate and is a source of kickbacks.

Expensive cars, bodyguards

The pork barrel for local executives comes in the form of the P5-billion Kilos Asenso Support Fund and the P3-billion Kalayaan Barangay Program Fund, according to Cagas and other lawmakers.

"Our local officials are using very expensive cars (and) they have bodyguards escorting them. Now, we are giving them P5 billion more money without being assured that they will be used properly. How can we agree that just because the intention is good the result will be good?" Cagas said.

He noted that the amount allotted for local executives was more than the P6.2 billion in pork barrel of all members of Congress under the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF).

The PDAF was cut this year to P40 million from P70 million in 2004 for each member of the House and from P200 million to P120 million for each senator as part of the government's cost-cutting measures. A number of congressmen, however, received funds from the road users' tax for the maintenance of roads in their districts.

Impeachment complaint

Iloilo Rep. Rolex Suplico claimed that the pork for mayors and governors was part of the war chest of Ms Arroyo to keep the support of local executives should the opposition revive the impeachment complaint against her next year.

Suplico said Ms Arroyo even wanted P650 million in intelligence funds next year.

"I'd like to assure the members of the House that the Kilos Asenso is meant to be released only if we feel that the project is a good one," Budget Secretary Romulo Neri said.

But Cagas said the local executives could misuse the funds in many ways.

"They can present programs or projects but later on convert (them) into payment of casuals. Everything will be used for personnel, bodyguard, peace and order, intelligence funds. If we do not accept that situation we're naïve. If we're that naïve, this country does not deserve to continue to exist," he said.

COA audit

Budget Undersecretary Mario Relampagos said the Commission on Audit had internal and post audit "just to make sure that disbursements are compliant with existing rules and regulations."

Relampagos said the President had also issued Executive Order No. 70 and Memorandum Circular No. 89 mandating government agencies to strengthen internal audit.

"So I hope this information helps us address your fears ... that money is not wasted," he said.

Cagas was unimpressed. "It is true that the Commission on Audit is the one responsible (for the disbursed funds), but we can contribute opportunities of corruption by providing more funds. We must make some corrections first before we provide some funds," he said.

Auditors' office

He said his apprehensions could not be assuaged by an internal audit. "You know why? Where are the auditors holding office? In the capitol. Who are providing for their air conditioners, the capitol, the City Hall," Cagas said.

Cagas proposed strict guidelines for the disbursement of the Kilos Asenso and Kalayaan funds.

"Don't rely on projects submitted to you by the governor or mayor which appears to be very beautiful projects. After your approval, they can make changes without you knowing," he said.

No pay hike

While local government units will have more funds, state workers won't have a salary increase next year. But they will get an additional cost of living allowance (Cola) of not more than P500 a month.

"That is supposed to be given as an allowance so there will be no withholding tax," said Neri, referring to the P13.1 billion in additional programmed item for state workers.

Relampagos said the Cola increase "is only just an adjustment in their allowance, not on the basic pay," which should be no more than 8 percent of an employee's salary.

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E-waste problem looms, says Greenpeace

By DJ Yap

TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY IS tomorrow's scrap. But that load of scrap could be dangerous.

An "E-waste" problem is looming, as tons of scrap materials from used computers, cellular phones and other electronic devices are dumped in the country every year, Greenpeace warned yesterday.

The high consumption of electronic and electrical goods, particularly PCs and mobile phones in the country, particularly in the Metro and urban areas, has resulted in a corresponding "explosion" of electronic scrap containing toxic chemicals and heavy metals, the environment advocacy group said. The problem is compounded by the lack of protective international laws, as well as unregulated recycling procedures of existing electronic waste processing facilities, Greenpeace added.

The group noted that the Philippines was not yet a party to the ratification of the Basel Ban, an agreement forbidding industrialized nations from dumping hazardous materials in developing countries. The responsibility for the disposal of E-waste should fall on the manufacturers themselves, said Greenpeace Toxics Campaigner Beau Baconguis.

Greenpeace is pushing for strong laws for "extended producer responsibility," which would require electronics manufacturers to take back discarded or obsolete products for recycling or reuse, Baconguis said.

So far, only firms like Sony, Ericsson, LG Electronics and Motorola are committed to eliminate the use of hazardous chemicals. Greenpeace said it was awaiting similar commitments from Dell, IBM/Lenovo, HP, Siemens, Acer, Toshiba, Panasonic, Fujitsu-Siemens, and Apple.

Electronics manufacturing is the country's top export industry, while electronic goods are its top imports, the group said. The high obsolescence rate of electronics goods contributes to the problem. The average "lifespan" of a computer is three to five years, while a mobile phone lasts for one-and-a-half years.

"Every year, obsolete and discarded electronic products account for 20 to 50 million tons of the world's hazardous waste, 12 million tons of which come from Asia," Greenpeace said.

The group said computer shipments were expected to surge to almost 500,000 units by the end of the year. The number of cell phone users was projected at 25 million by December.

A Greenpeace report titled "Toxic Tech: Pulling the Plug on Dirty Electronics in Southeast Asia," said the growing volume of E-waste was beginning to affect the region, exposing workers to toxic electronic components detrimental to health and the environment.

Because of the lack of regulations in E-waste disposal, the scrap is either burned, dumped in landfills, or ends up in backyards, exposing communities and the environment to poisonous chemicals like lead, cadmium, mercury, chromium, and halogenated substances like brominated flame retardants and polyvinyl chloride.

Call center workers fall ill in Muntinlupa

By Jocelyn R. Uy

AT LEAST 15 CALL CENTER employees were brought to a hospital in Muntinlupa City yesterday after eating *kare-kare* for lunch.

Muntinlupa Public Information Officer Tez Navarro said employees of Convergys Corp., a call center company at Filinvest, Alabang, were brought to the Asian Hospital after showing signs of possible food poisoning.

Navarro said the employees vomitted and experienced nausea after having *kare-kare*, a native Filipino dish, for lunch at the company canteen.

At press time, Elmer Ocampo, the city's surveillance officer was still conducting an investigation into the matter at the Asian Hospital.

The doctors have yet to release their findings on the case, sanitary inspector, Edna Vibo told the INQUIRER over the phone yesterday.

The food poisoning incident was the third reported in the city this year. In March, 14 grade school students of the De La Salle-Santiago Zobel School were downed by gastroenteritis after dining on food prepared for their graduation ball.

Last June, 31 employees of National Bookstore at the Alabang Town Center were rushed to the Ospital ng Muntinlupa after eating food prepared by an officemate.

Pro-Gay
No to GMA's Martial LAW

PRO (NIGHT)LIFE ERIK ARAZAS
A member of Pro-Gay Philippines expresses his opposition to any possible declaration of martial law during a demonstration along the Elliptical Road in Quezon City Wednesday. The group says martial law would curtail their members' right to nightlife.

METROBRIEFS

Taguig welcomes Precious

A BANQUET awaits newly-crowned Miss International Precious Lara Quigaman in Taguig City. Residents led by Mayor Freddie Tinga have planned a welcome celebration when Quigaman returns home from Tokyo early next week. Quigaman's mother, Precy San Agustin, is a native of Barangay Ususan. Her father, Nelson Quigaman, died four months ago in a London road accident. The city's Tourism and Culture Development Office would be coordinating the "big welcome" with Bb. Pilipinas Charities, Inc. *Jocelyn R. Uy*

Cop fights robbers, killed

A POLICEMAN was killed in a shootout with holdup men inside a passenger bus, but not until after he seriously wounded one of the robbers along the Northern Luzon Expressway at dawn yesterday. PO2 Joel Magbanua, of the Police Security Protection Unit in Camp Crame, was a passenger of a Baliwag Transit bus bound for Cubao when seven armed men declared a hold-up. Magbanua was shot and repeatedly stabbed by the suspects after he fired at one of their companions. *Nancy C. Carvajal*

A sticky drive for bikes

AIMING to boost pedal power, the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) will launch a sticker campaign to encourage Metro Manila commuters to go the distance on two wheels. MMDA General Manager Robert Nacianceno said yesterday that the agency would be distributing stickers to spread the word about the benefits of biking, in an effort to inform the commuters about the agency's Metro Padyakan Walk and Bike Ways project. "It's an advocacy," Nacianceno said after meeting with bike groups yesterday. *Tarra V. Quismundo*

Aguila book launch

"MAGDARAGAT ng Pag-ibig at Iba Pang Tula ng Pagnanasa"(The Seafarer of Love and Other Poems of Desire), a book of poetry by Reuel Molina Aguila, will be launched at 6 p.m. tomorrow at 70s Bistro on Anonas St., Quezon City. The book, which comes with a CD, is the first of Seryeng Akdang-Bayan, works by an organization of writers and artists. Both book and CD were designed by Olan Santos. Selected poems and excerpts will be performed by popular actors of the stage and screen, under the direction of Joel Lamangan.

Cops face raps

By Edson Tandoc Jr.

THE LIST GOES ON.

The three Eastern Police District policemen earlier arrested for a bloody robbery in Cainta, Rizal, where a year-old girl was killed are also being implicated in the kidnapping of a Chinese-Filipino businessman.

Antipolo City police chief Supt. Primitivo Tabujara identified the businessman as Michael Chan, 44. He was found dead in a creek on Sept. 15—his hands and face wrapped in tape.

Chan's relatives identified his body at a funeral parlor in Antipolo City yesterday.

Police said one of the suspects admitted to the abduction.

PO1 Candido Vallejo, PO1 Roel Palana and PO1 Roger Villarente, who were assigned to the Pasig City Police before they were transferred to the District Mobile Force, were arrested early this week.

A fourth suspect PO2 Joel Tapec remains at large.

Chan was kidnapped in Quezon City on Sept. 15. Police said the victim could have died of suffocation after his kidnappers wrapped masking tape around his face.

His body was dumped in a creek in Sitio Central, Barangay Inarawan, Antipolo City.

Security guards of a nearby lot discovered his body at about 7 a.m. on Sept. 17, barangay security head Jing Huertas said.

PTA's Barbers should take the hint

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

TOURISM SECRETARY JOSEPH "Ace" Durano is the referee in the quarrel between Duty Free Philippines (DFP) general manager Michael Christian Kho and Philippine Tourism Authority (PTA) chief Robert Dean Barbers.

Barbers, son of former Sen. Robert "Bobby" Barbers, wants Kho suspended for a contract the government-run DFP had entered into with suppliers of chocolates, confectioneries and other snacks from a British Virgin Islands company.

But Durano put the brakes on Barbers' move, saying he would be the one to determine whether or not Kho should be suspended.

It was Durano's way of saying the PTA chief no longer has power over the DFP head.

It was a hint for the young Barbers to move to other agencies or resign since his brother, Rep. Ace Barbers, had voted for the impeachment of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Politics, politics!

If I were Barbers, I would take the hint and resign. Durano is backing Kho, rightly or wrongly. If Barbers is sensitive, he should know that he's being shown the door. I know Robert Dean Barbers is not his brother's keeper, but his congressman-brother's "sin" is also being blamed on him.

Anyway, what's at the Philippine Tourism Authority that makes Barbers hanging on? "Is thar gold in thar?" as a miner during the 1849 California gold rush asked his colleague, pointing to the mountain that was to become San Francisco.

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The Senate should heed Malacañang's call for a moratorium on investigations into various alleged government irregularities.

The probes are not doing the country good. The citizenry is losing faith in the government because of these investigations well- covered by the media.

We all know that nothing has come out with probes conducted by either the Senate or the House of Representatives which were not in aid of legislation, but were in aid of reelection of some congressmen or senators who initiated them.

The current probes are in aid of boosting the egos of some senators.

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There ought to be a law that indefinitely detains a policeman involved in a heinous crime until the criminal case against him is resolved by the courts.

Three Pasig City policemen were linked to a foiled robbery in Cainta, Rizal the other day where a one-year-old girl was killed.

This is not the first time Pasig cops were involved in a robbery. Many months ago, Pasig policemen were arrested for robbing a money-exchange courier.

One of the three cops involved in the Cainta robbery had been arrested in a previous robbery, but he was set free after posting bail.

Before the Philippine National Police Law was passed, cops or Constabulary soldiers who got involved in crimes were jailed by their superiors until the case against them was terminated by the courts.

That's no longer the case. A policeman is treated like an ordinary citizen who is charged in court. He can post bail if the crime is not kidnapping, murder or rape.

Although a cop is a civil service employee, his position is different since he falls under a military-type disciplinary procedure.

In the military, a soldier waives all his civil rights when he enters the service.

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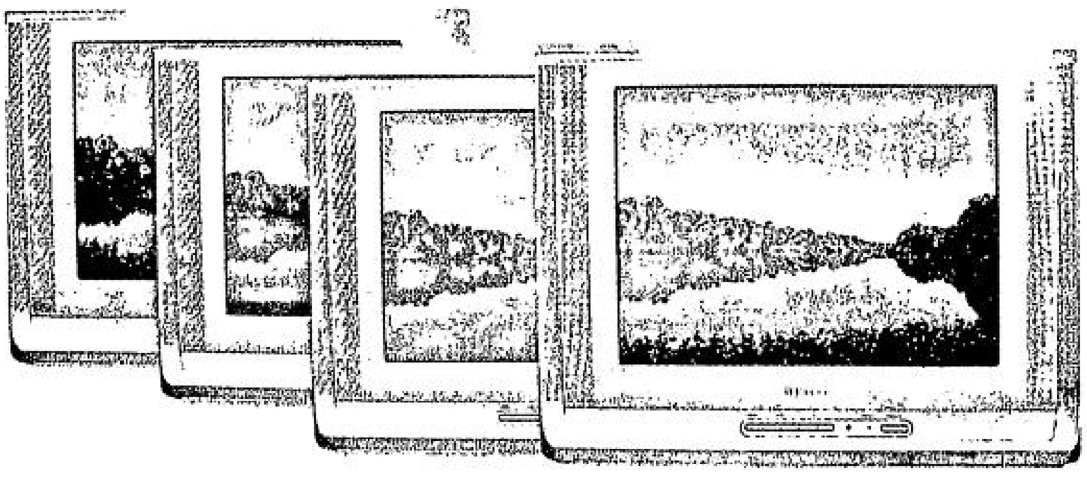

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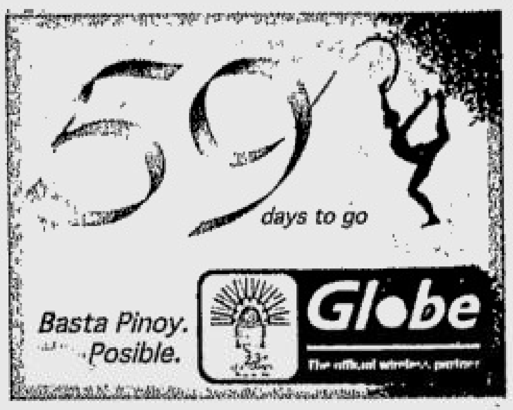
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THE UAAP BASKETBALL Finals may be nothing new for the De La Salle Archers and the Far Eastern U Tamaraws, but their coaches are careful not to proclaim their chances in the best-of-three series.

"Looking at FEU's lineup, we're such a small team," said coach Franz Pumaren as the 2004 champions open their bid for a second straight title in Game 1 at 3:30 p.m. today at the Araneta Coliseum.

"They're full of veteran players," added Pumaren of the top-ranked Tamaraws. "They can create two First Fives. That's how deep their bench is. We really have to work hard. There must be extra effort for us to be really competitive."

Although coach Bert Flores agreed that his Tamaraws are more experienced, he pointed out that such an edge didn't help last year.

"It was the same thing last year," he said. "We were the favorites but they ended up winning. They have a veteran coach and I'm a rookie coach, that's their advantage. Coach Franz has been with them for eight years."

But on court, there's no denying that the Tamaraws look intimidating with Arwind Santos, who's making a serious run for a second straight Most Valuable Player award.

Santos topped the statistical race at the end of the elimination round with a fifth-best 13.1 points, a league-leading 12.7 rebounds and a second-best 2.3 blocks per game. The Tamaraws have also been getting consistent numbers from big man Mark Isip, guards RJ Rizada and Jeff Chan, and playmaker Jonas Villanueva.

"They're stronger this year," acknowledged Pumaren. "There's the additional one year exposure of their players. And remember, they

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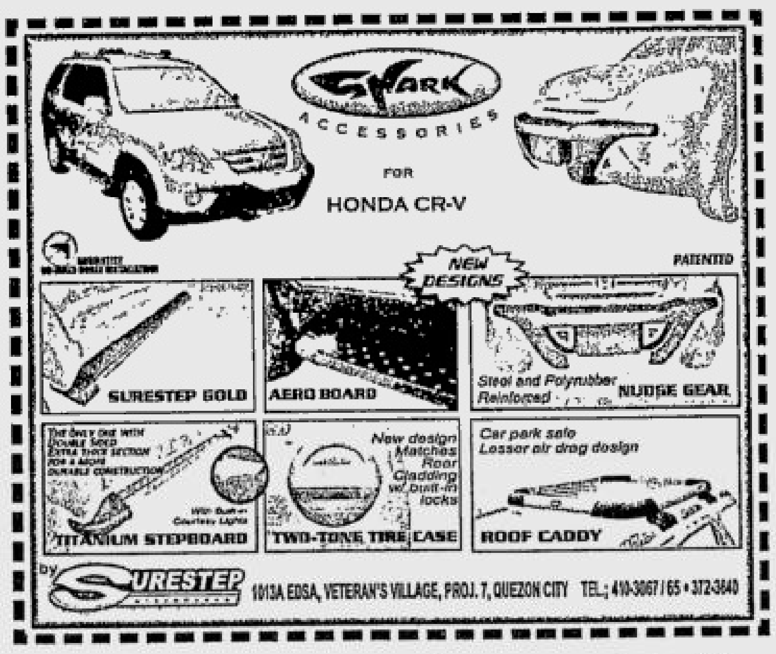

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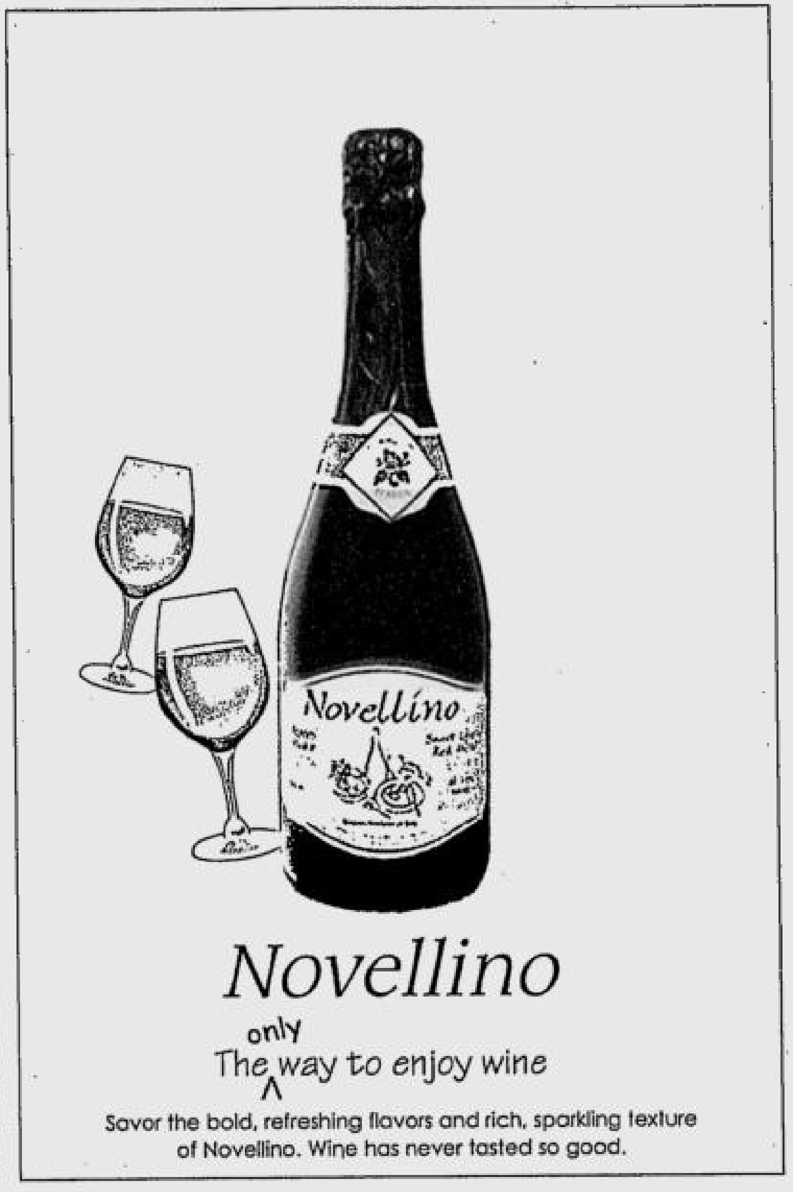

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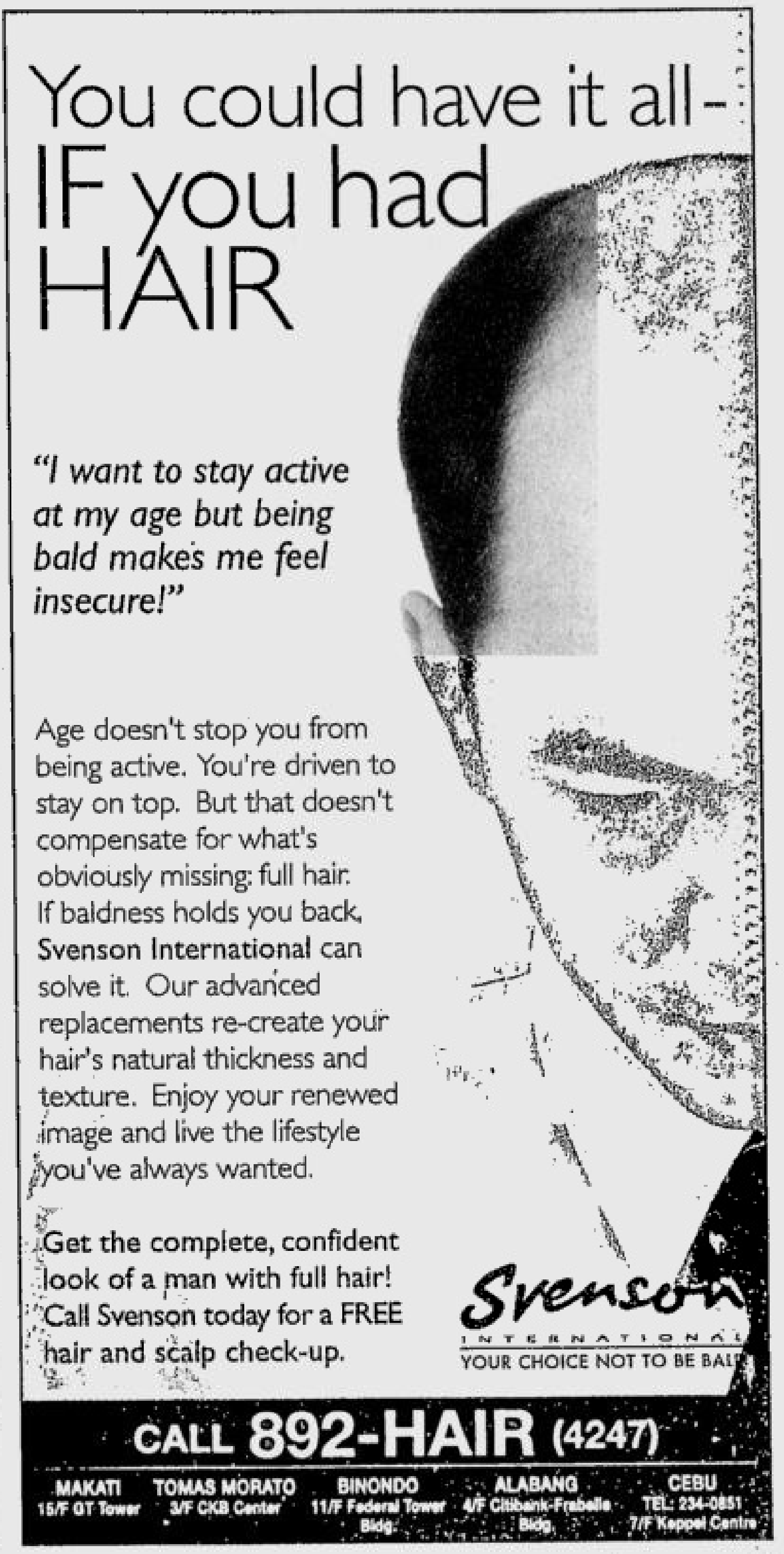
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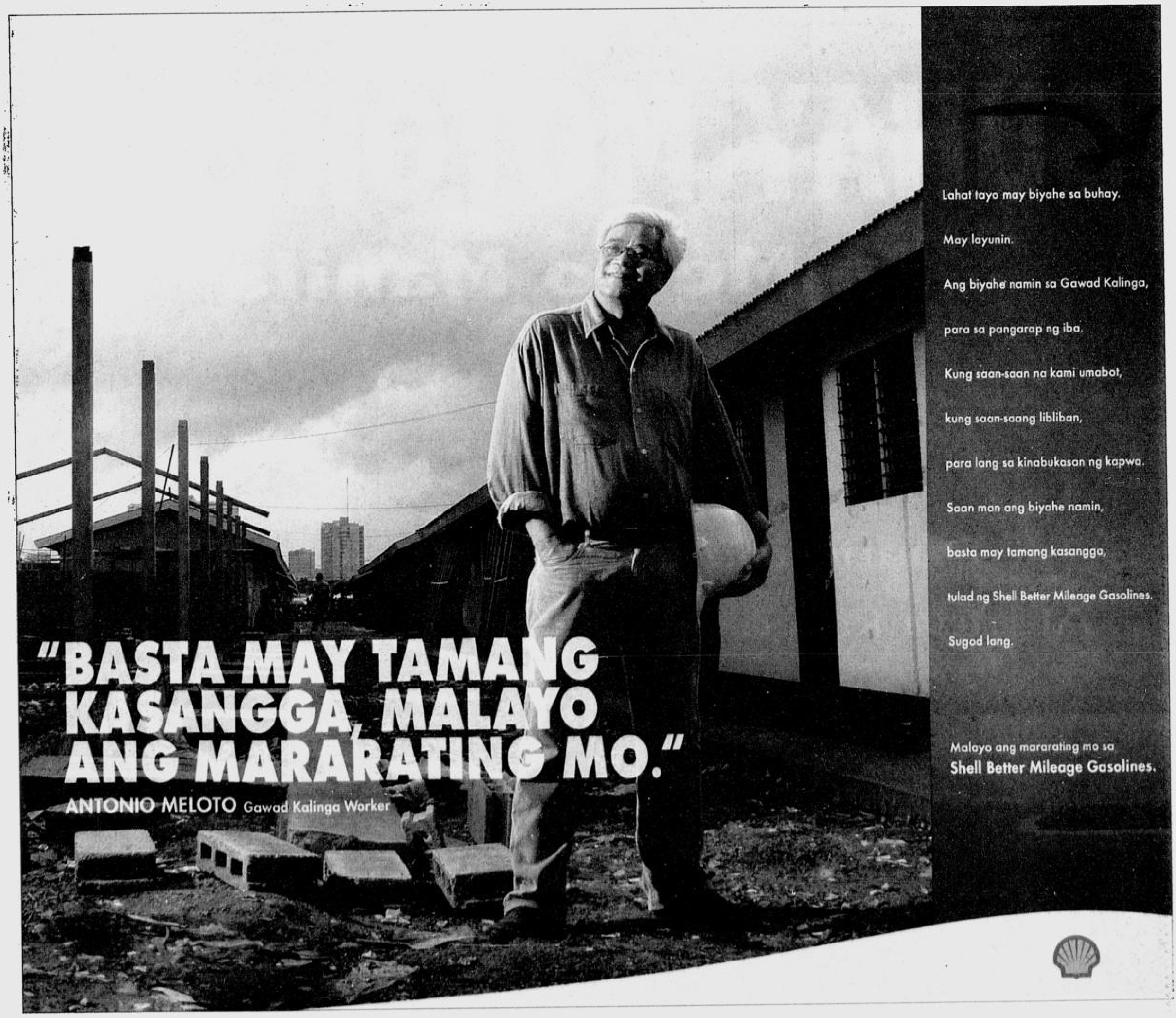

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SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

BACOLOD CITY—ONE IS A CAR CRASH victim. Another is weighed down by test papers. Yet another is fever-stricken. And yet another is a "quadruplethe."

Such is the list of entries in the ladies division of the ongoing Philippine Amateur Open Golf Championship here that any writer possessed of a fertile imagination can write a novel using them as main characters.

"I'm still recovering from a car accident," Sam Cebrero says hours after stepping out of the 18th green of the Negros Occidental Golf & Country Club. "I could barely move, if not walk, for quite some time following the accident."

The car crash had forced Sam, who had studied in Germany for years, to abandon golf for 11 years.

"I am back," says the lithesome Sam with a winsome smile. "I'm a bit handicapped still as I'm not dependent anymore on my parents. But that's all right. I'll find a way to nurse back my game somehow. With some dear friends like Tita Alice (Andrada) encouraging me to move on, how can I not succeed?"

Struggling with her game, Sam, a promising youngster a while back, rued seven three-putt miscues and a one four-putt debacle in a round of 82 on Tuesday.

"No problem, though," Sam says. "All part of the game. All part of the comeback scheme."

Frances Bondad came here not only with her clubs but also with test papers that she needs to answer and send to Australia through the Australian embassy in Manila.

"She has a lot of books to read to aid her answer her test papers," says Noel Bondad, Frances' father. "Just now after breakfast, I'll fax her test papers to the Australian embassy. She has my full support to her golf as she loves playing the game but at the same time, she hasn't totally lost interest in her studies, which is really fine with me."

Frances, 17, the winner of the 2004 Philippine Ladies Open, is based in Sydney. She's one of the favorites to win the Philippine Amateur Open in her first try which, if she succeeds, should embellish her dream of also winning the gold in the SEA Games here in November.

But how about this: Mia Piccio, 13, down with a fever on the eve of the tournament?

"I told her she wouldn't tee off if the fever was not gone the morning after," says Boy Piccio, Mia's father. "Thank God, our prayers were heard."

Mia went on to shoot a 4-over-par 74, a spectacular feat from any angle you want to view it.

And now take this: Anya Tanpinco, before she really put all her efforts to golf, was a triathlete of note-volleyball, basketball and track and field. When she took up golf to become a "quadruplethe," nobody was surprised one bit.

"One time, three championships were at stake in one day," says Louie Gonzaga, a professor at La Salle Bacolod. "Anya was in all three. You know what? She won all three gold medals just hours apart!"

First, Anya won the 200-m gold in the morning. Then, she played the first quarter of the basketball finals, quickly transferring to the volleyball court to power her team to the gold medal. Rushing back to the basketball game, she found her team down by 12 points in the fourth quarter. With all her might, Anya turned things around and clinched for her team the basketball gold.

All three gold medals stashed away. All in a day's work for Anya.

Now, who can top that?

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FASTBREAK. The beautiful people here working doubly hard to ensure a successful Philippine Amateur Open include Dot Soliven, Louie Gonzaga, Golem Silverio, Anky Jison, Jojo Quilop, Boy Zayco, Junie Boy Tordesillas, Rameng Tad-y, Lando Coscolluela, Panio Torre, Dr. Ed Ordonez, Javier Lacson and Joe Cajili, and the office staff composed of Lina Salazar, Nena Mallorca, Elsie Abeto, Marybel Panganiban, Jocelyn de la Cruz, Ma. Dolores Olvido and Evelyn Torrecampo. Of course Bing-Bing Valencia, the F & B supervisor, has also been very prompt and helpful at all times. Ramon Uy, NOGCC's triggerman for the event, has called from Adelaide, Australia, just to inquire if everything was going well and looking swell. The NGAP's Louie Fernandez, Jake Ayson, Gen. Robert Sabularse and Jun Galindez, who are here for the occasion, say they are mighty proud of you. Cheers to you, guys and dolls!

Murakami, Pagunsan top RP Am qualifying

By Musong R. Castillo

BACOLOD CITY—ARTEMIO Murakami and Juvic Pagunsan lined themselves up for a potentially explosive championship match after topping the 36-hole qualifying of the 2005 Philippine Men's Amateur yesterday.

Murakami submitted a second straight 70 and Pagunsan turned in a 71 to lead the 32-man qualifying field in today's match play phase with 140 totals.

First-round top scorer Tonlit Asistio stumbled with a 73 to finish third at 141 even as defending champion Jun Bernis kept alive his bid for another title with a 74 for a 145 total.

Meanwhile, veteran Car-melette Villaroman turned in a 71 for 143, clinching top seeding in the first-ever women's side of the event backed by ICTSI, San Miguel Corp., Hanjin, Aboitiz Group, Petron Blaze, the Department of Tourism, PCSO and Philippine Airlines.

Fancied Frances Bondad rebounded with a 73 despite a double bogey 7 on the 18th to finish No. 2 at 148 and draw a first-round bye in the match play like Villaroman, No. 3 Anya Tanpinco (78-150), fourth seed Mia Piccio (77-151) and No. 5 Lina de Guzman (75-153).

As the top three qualifiers, Murakami, Pagunsan and the 16-year-old Asistio earned direct exemptions for the 2006 Philippine Open in Cagayan de Oro courtesy of the organizing National Golf Association of the Philippines.

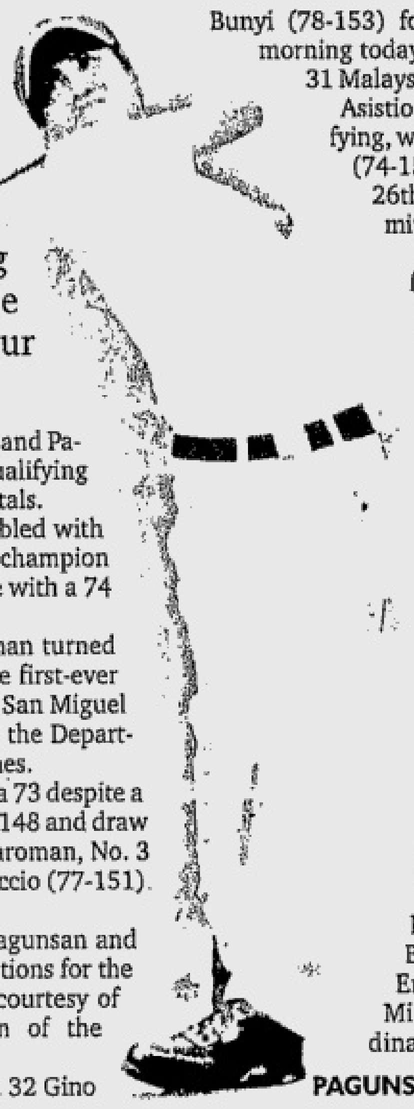
The winner in 1999, Murakami drew No. 32 Gino Bunyi (78-153) for a round-of-32 matchup in the morning today, while Pagunsan clashes with No. 31 Malaysian Mohamad Amli (77-153).

Asistio, whose 68 on Tuesday paced qualifying, will collide with veteran Paul Miñoza (74-153) while Bernis tackles Chinese 26th seed Yang Wen Zhang, who submitted a 79 for 152.

Malaysian Siva Chandran signed for a 73 (144) to place fourth spot and gain a match with No. 29 Joey Huerva (73-153) even as former jungolfer Gene Bondoc turned in a similar 73 (144) for No. 5 and a clash with Ronnie Torrecampo (73-153).

Jonel Ababa led the advance of the National Caddies' Open bets, signing for a 69—only the third sub-par round in the tournament and the only one yesterday—for a 148 aggregate and No. 13 in the draw. He plays Jay Bayron, the 20th seed after a 78 for 150, in the first round.

Others who made the grade were Jong Laput, Jerome Malaga, Jett Plete, Joseph Labajo, Joel Opaco, Louie Dacudao, JR Tanpinco, Amado Eso, Sukree Othman, Boyet Saragoza, Mario Labajo, Terrence Macatangay, Buboy Jaraula, Yang Wen Zhang, Erwin Vinluan, Jingy Tuazon, Michael Bibat, Yoyong Velez and Ferdinand Aunzo.



PAGUNSAN

ANDY VALDEZ

La Salle sweep looms in 3 divisions

LA SALLE PULLED AWAY IN BOTH boys college and high school division after big rounds yesterday in the 5th Samsung Interscholastic Golf Championships at the Valley Golf and Country Club-Executive course.

William Hong and Charles Hong combined for 111 points and Oliver Gan delivered 56 as La Salle Taft exploded for 167 points, a big improvement from their 156 on opening day to post 323 total for two days.

An unprecedented swift looms as La Salle also led the combined girls college and high school and boys elementary. The La Salle girls led St. Paul by 10 and their gradeschoolers were up by nine over Ateneo.

They finished the day 33 shots ahead of Ateneo, which could only score 156 through Rey Escalona (53), Dax Garcia (52), and Vendric Tan (51).

Another La Salle team was a far third at 252. A La Salle double victory seems ensured as La Salle Greenhills posted a 15-point spread in high school play.

Miko Yee erupted with a tournament best 61 equivalent to seven-under-par in medal play, Marco Olives had a 54 and Marvin Mendoza made 52 for La Salle Greenhills' 167 total.

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Narvaez downs Japanese, tows 3 RP bets to q'finals

By Marc Anthony Reyes

MIGUEL LORENZO NARVAEZ showed why he's the top-ranked Filipino in this tournament with an easy 6-2, 6-2 triumph over Kazuma Kobayashi of Japan, towing three other compatriots to the quarterfinals of the Phinma-ITF junior tennis championship yesterday at the Ynarez Socio-Cultural and Sports Center.

Ranked 408th among International Tennis Federation juniors, Narvaez regained the fine form which he momentarily lost in the first round last week when he bowed to a Korean in the semis.

He will next battle fifth seed Lenz Theodor of Indonesia, who fashioned out a 6-1, 6-1 win over Taiwanese Lin Hsin Wei.

Also advancing to the next round were third seed Nico Riego De Dios, 7th pick Michael Basco and unranked Francis Casey Alcantara, raising a possibility of a Filipino finally nailing the crown that escaped Pablo Olivarez II last week.

De Dios, a bright prospect from the Cebuana Lhuillier Tennis Program, routed Korean Choi Woo Whuk (6-1, 6-1). He will have a tougher assignment today in No. 6 Chang Yu Chi of Taiwan, who drubbed Japanese Masato Shiga, 6-0, 6-1.

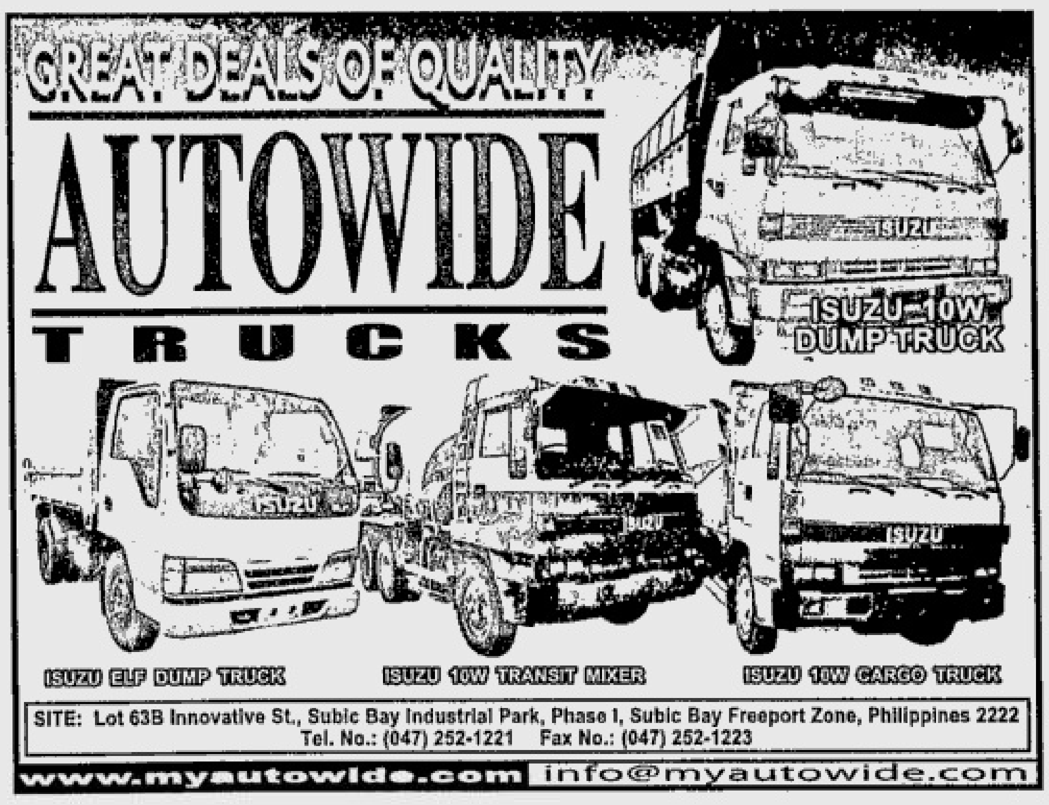
Honed up by the renowned coach, former RP Davis Cupper Manny Tecson, Basco edged Taiwanese Lee Yi Pei, 6-0, 7-5, to forge a quarterfinal showdown with top seed Australian William McNamee.

Aching to avenge his humiliating semis loss to Olivarez in the first round, McNamee whipped Taiwanese Lin Yu Wen, 6-0, 6-3.

Alcantara, a veteran of the World Juniors Championships in Melbourne this year, needed some adjustments in the first set before scoring a 2-6, 6-1, 6-4 win over Taiwanese Lin Kuan Heng.

The Cagayan de Oro star tackles Japanese Toshiya Suzuki next.

Top seed and first leg titlist Denise Dy of the Philippines advanced in the girls division, shutting out July Javelosa, 6-0, 6-0. Also winning their matches were Noelle Conchita Zoleta, Melissa Orteza, Trudy Gine Amoranto, Noelle Nikki Zoleta and Jessica Marie Agra..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PSC budget up for review

THERE'S STILL HOPE FOR THE DRASTICALLY slashed budget of the Philippine Sports Commission.

This after the House of Representatives hearing the budget for next year decided to review its proposed budget for 2006 and re-align some funds for the sports agency whose budget has been reduced almost yearly.

Bacolod solon, and Philippine Olympic Committee vice president Monico Puentevella yesterday said he convinced his colleagues to review the PSC budget and at least retain its 2005 funding.

"This is an insult to the Filipino athletes who we so endearingly lavish with incentives after winning in international competitions though we hardly lift a finger investing on their development," Puentevella told the INQUIRER.

The PSC is to receive a budget of P27 million from the proposed General Appropriations Act, way below the P70 million fund it received the past two years. The agency used to get as much as P200 million a year.

"Our annual budget continues to rise and it has reached P1.03 trillion for 2006 yet the PSCO budget continues to decrease," said Puentevella. *Marc Anthony Reyes*

SPORTSWATCH

Generals make finals

THE EMILIO Aguinaldo College Generals barged into the finals of the fourth Universities and Colleges Athletic Association (Ucaa) men's basketball tournament yesterday at the San Andres gym. Ronjay Buenafe hit 22 points to power the Generals to an 86-79 beating of the St. Francis of Assissi Doves. His charities with 27.8 seconds remaining sealed the Generals' place in the best-of-three finals. Bong Melocoton backed up Buenafe with 18 points and delivered two free throws in the stretch to allow the Generals to return to championship round for the second straight year. The Generals are now waiting for the outcome of the Final Four showdown between the La Salle-Dasmariñas Patriots and the National College of Business and Arts Wildcats. The Wildcats forced a rubber match after surviving the attack of the Patriots, 94-88, in overtime.

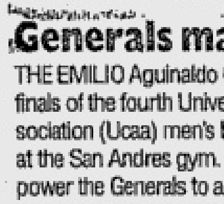
Australian Ballkids tryouts

AUSTRALIAN Open Ballkids supervisors will conduct a trial on Oct. 1-2 to select four Filipinos who will participate in next year's Australian Open in Melbourne. Philippine Tennis Association president Manuel Misa said the trial, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Manila Polo Club, is open to all ballboys and tennis players born between Jan. 12, 1990 and Jan. 29, 1994. Registration is ongoing at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center, Manila Polo Club in Makati City and Ynares Socio-Cultural and Sports Center in Pasig City. For details, call 523-6415 (Loida Mallare) or 634-7568 (Teri).

La Salle-HSC wins

LA SALLE-Health and Science Campus and Philippine Christian U-Dasma blanked their respective rivals in the finals to rule the table tennis competitions of the 6th Southern Luzon Colleges and Universities Athletic Association (SLCUAA) recently. La Salle clinched the women's tablenet crown following victories by Dianne Alcantara over PCU's Ma. Dulce Dominguez, 11-8, 7-11, 11-8, 9-11, 14-12; and Jasse Magaway over PCU's Fatima Valle, 11-7, 11-6, 11-9, 8-11, 14-12. PCU-Dasma placed runner-up to La Salle while STI College ranked third.

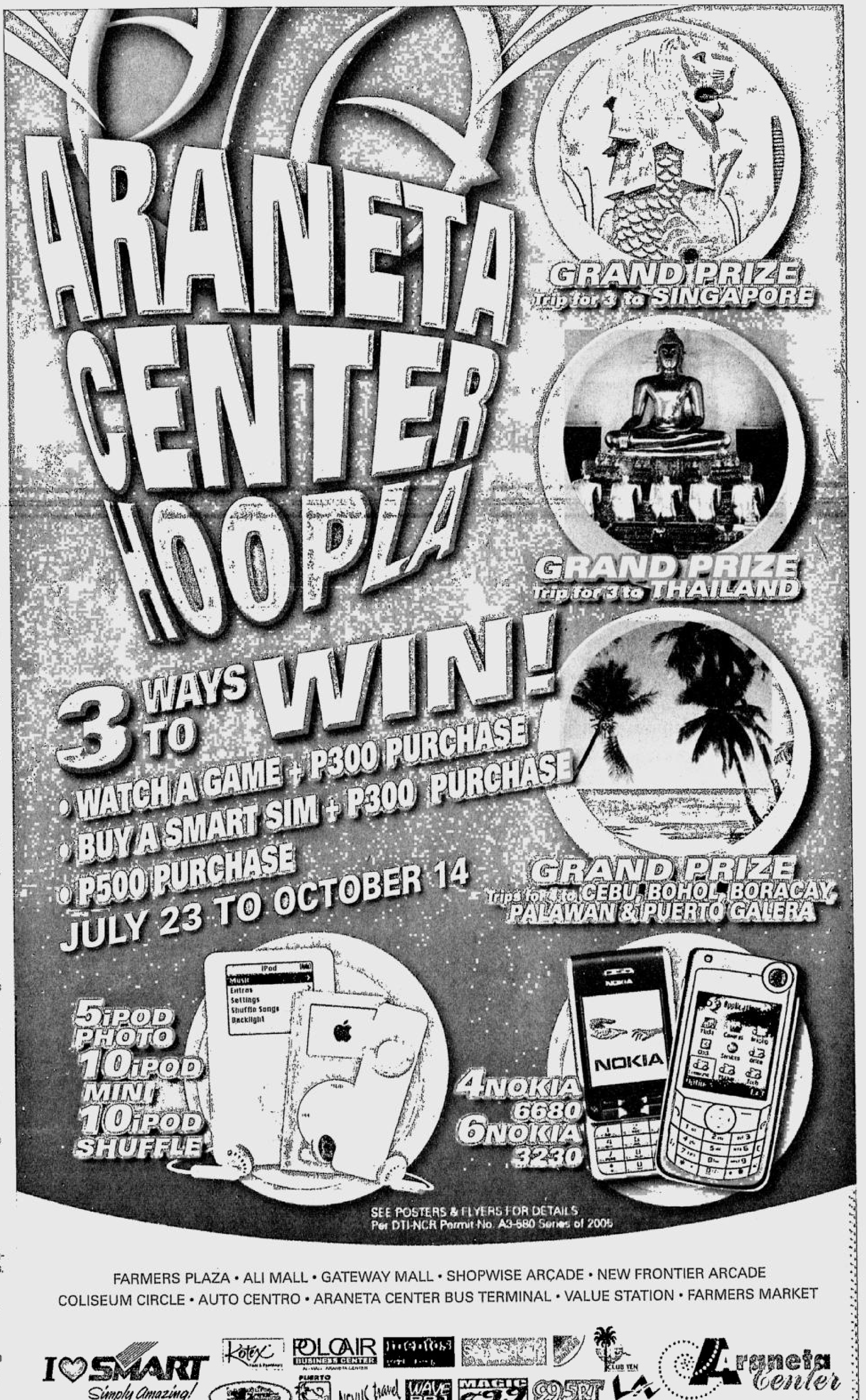
Skate champ and princess



SKATING champion Eri Reyes, 10, who won five gold medals in the recent 2005 Skate Asia Tournament held in Bangkok, Thailand, also won in SM's "Ice Princess" contest sponsored by SMART, Mossimo, Pepsi, Total Girl Magazine, Selecta Moo, Wave 89.1 and JAM 88.3 at SM Megamall Ice Skating rink on Sept. 25. Reyes bested other hopefuls when she performed to the lilting tempo of the "Ice Princess" movie theme with her characteristically dazzling graceful moves and smooth style that impressed both judges and the audience. Eri also garnered the highest votes in SMART's texter's choice for SM Ice Princess.

Derby stakes P3M, Innova

PREPARATIONS are now in full swing for "Pamaskong Salpukan 6-Cock Derby," which will be presented by WTJ Sports and Gaming Corp. at Makati Coliseum on Dec. 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 26 and 28. The derby offers a whopping guaranteed prize of P3 million. The champion will drive home a brand-new Toyota Innova. Entry fee is P11,000. Reservation of cockhouses is open and interested parties may contact 896-3545 and 895-6475. Meanwhile, the "Pinoy Cockers Association of the Philippines (PCAP) 5-stag derby" resumes on Monday. The Falinfer entry of Jet Fernando topped the fourth leg on Sept. 26.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Sta. Lucia eyes rapper import

By June Navarro

MUSIC AND BASKETBALL WILL come in one handy package if Sta. Lucia Realty gets to sign up Luke Whitehead as its import in the PBA Fiesta Cup starting on Sunday.

An international rapper known as I Dudd, the 6-foot-6 Whitehead has been burning the lines with Sta. Lucia Realty coach Alfrancis Chua after negotiations with other prospective reinforcements apparently failed.

"I have already talked to him, but we still have to finalize discussions with his agent," said Chua, whose Realtors are the only team left without an import among the nine ballclubs.

"In all probability, negotiations with Whitehead will end tomorrow (today) at the latest," he added.

With their first game set Wednesday, Chua is hoping their import could arrive at the earliest time possible.

"As we get closer and closer to opening day, the sense of urgency is increasing," said Chua following a fruitless talk with prospect Kevin Freeman, who asked for a $16,000 monthly salary, $4,000 over the league maximum.

The Realtors are also considering former Alaska import James Head but Chua said he is more inclined to get Whitehead, a 24-year-old, 220-pound banger who honed his skills after playing for the Louisville Cardinals under famed coach Rick Pitino from 2000-2004.

Left untouched in the 2004 NBA Draft, Whitehead, a communications major, has since played in Korea and recently attended the San Antonio Spurs camp.

FENCING CHAMPS: Members of the University of the East fencing team and their coaches celebrate winning the first leg of the 5th Escrima Liga National Interschool Fencing Championships at the Philsports Complex. The Warriors won six of 12 gold medals to beat 10 other schools. The event is an outreach program of TEAM Events Sports Projects Ventures Inc. in cooperation with the Philippine Amateur Fencers Association, Philippine Sports Commission and 105.1 Crossover.

Yupangco scores ace

BUSINESSMAN Antonio Yupangco Jr. scored a hole-in-one Tuesday on the eighth hole of the west course of the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club in Mandaluyong. Yupangco, who is into real estate rental, aced the well-bunkered, 133-yard eighth green with a Honma pitching wedge. He was in a foursome with basketball coach Virgil Villavicencio, Ying Santander and Boji Sison.

Tams...

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have an ax to grind. They want to vindicate themselves from last season."

The Archers have been streaking behind Joseph Yeo, the league's second-leading scorer with a 14.1 point average. Completing the nucleus of the Archers' offense are forward Jun Cabatu, point guard TY Tang and sweet-shooting JV Casio.

"They have an advantage in the wing," noted Flores.

FEU swept La Salle in two close encounters this season, with Santos posting a double-double in both the Tamaraws' 69-62 triumph in the first match and in their 70-69 escape in the second round.

Pumaren doesn't want the Archers to fall short this time.

"We must have a good start and a strong finish, that's what I've been telling my players," he said.

The Tamaraws, meanwhile, are bracing themselves for the Archers' signature full-court press. "We're preparing for their pressure defense," said Flores. "I'm motivating my players because many are saying that it's La Salle that's playing well right now. They're peaking and we're dipping."

The Archers booked their 11th Finals appearance in 12 years after overwhelming rival Ateneo Eagles, 74-57, in the Final Four. The Tamaraws also cruised in their own semifinal match with a 78-57 rout of the University of the East Warriors. *Jasmine W. Payo*

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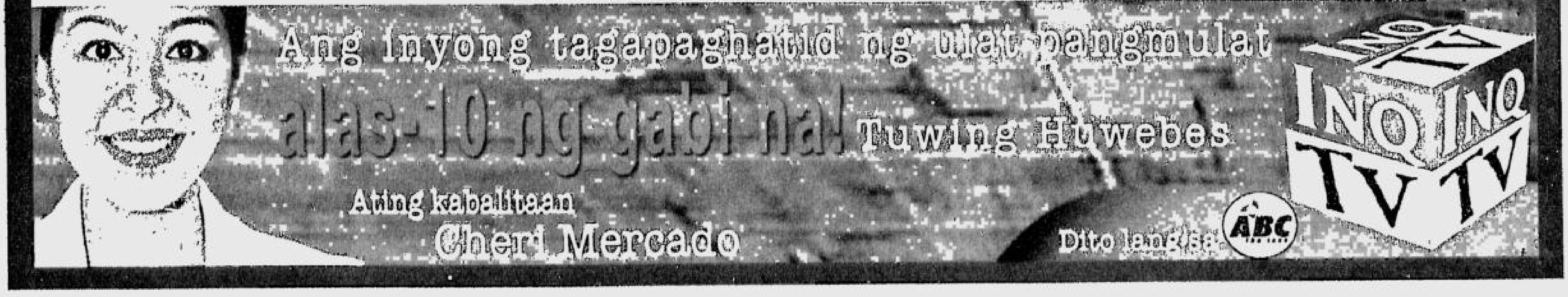
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The Filipinization of Jasmine Trias

SHE COULDN'T pronounce "tandaan" so they had to change the lyrics of a song in her new album. RAFFY LERMA

By Marinel R. Cruz

I HAD A HARD TIME RECORDING the Filipino songs in my album. Someone had to explain to me what I was saying. We had to change one word because I couldn't pronounce it."

Jasmine Trias, the Fil-American finalist on last year's "American Idol," was talking about the word *tandaan* in the song "Sana Lagi."

"We changed it to *maramdaman*," Jasmine told a group of writers during the launch of her 14-track debut album under Universal Records. "In the end—when I finally understood what I was singing—I think I did a pretty good job."

Jasmine, who grew up in Hawaii, has been in the country since early September. This time around—her first visit was in October 2004—her mom, Nora, accompanied her. Dad Rudy was her companion last year. "It's her turn to be my chaperone," said the singer. "[But] she's in Zambales right now, visiting our relatives there. That's where she's from."

She said her dad was taking care of her brothers and sister back home.

Terrific 'turon'

Jasmine was obviously enjoying herself outside the recording studio, too. "I spent a few days in Tagaytay. It was great. I got to experience the culture outside Metro Manila," she enthused.

She added, "The food here is awesome!"

Jasmine said she had tried such Pinoy dishes as chicken *adobo*, *sinigang na hipon*, chicken *tinola* and *palabok*. She declared *turon* as "my favorite, with the brown sugar and *langka*." She said people had been offering her *balut*. "I don't think I can ever eat it, though."

She was most proud of the fact that "Filipinos came together to support their own," Jasmine said, citing the case of boxer Manny Pacquiao, who recently won the World Boxing Council International super featherweight title against Mexican Hector Velazquez.

As for her being a role model, she said: "It's a great feeling. It makes me more motivated to keep on representing, or being an inspiration to Filipinos."

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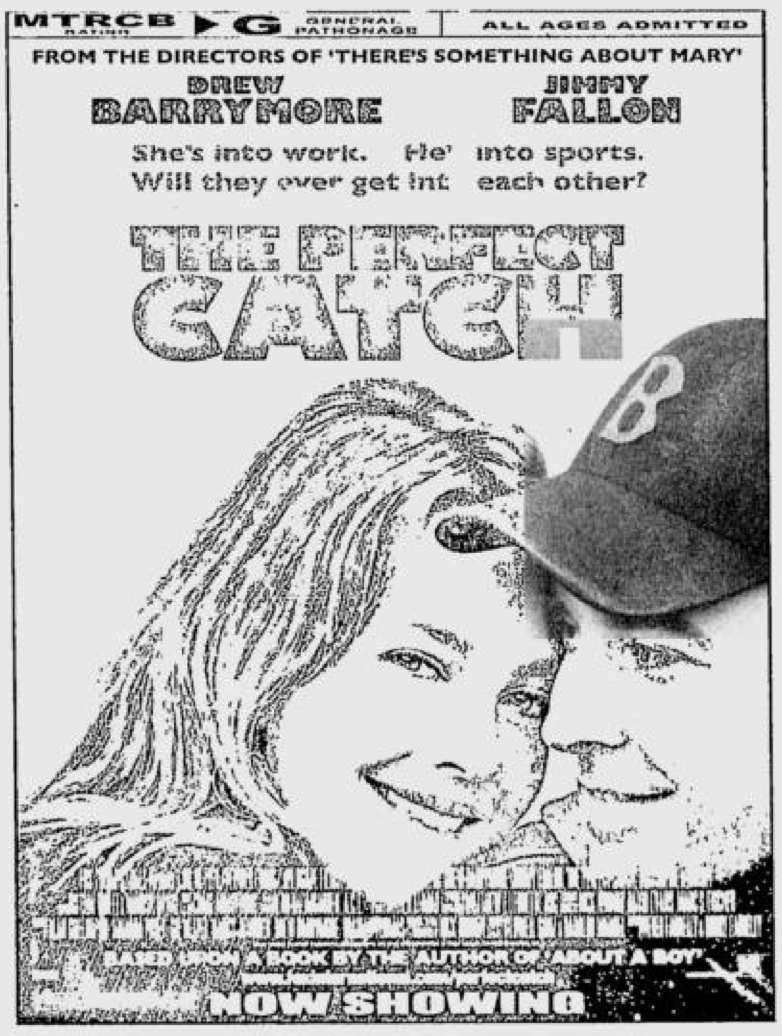
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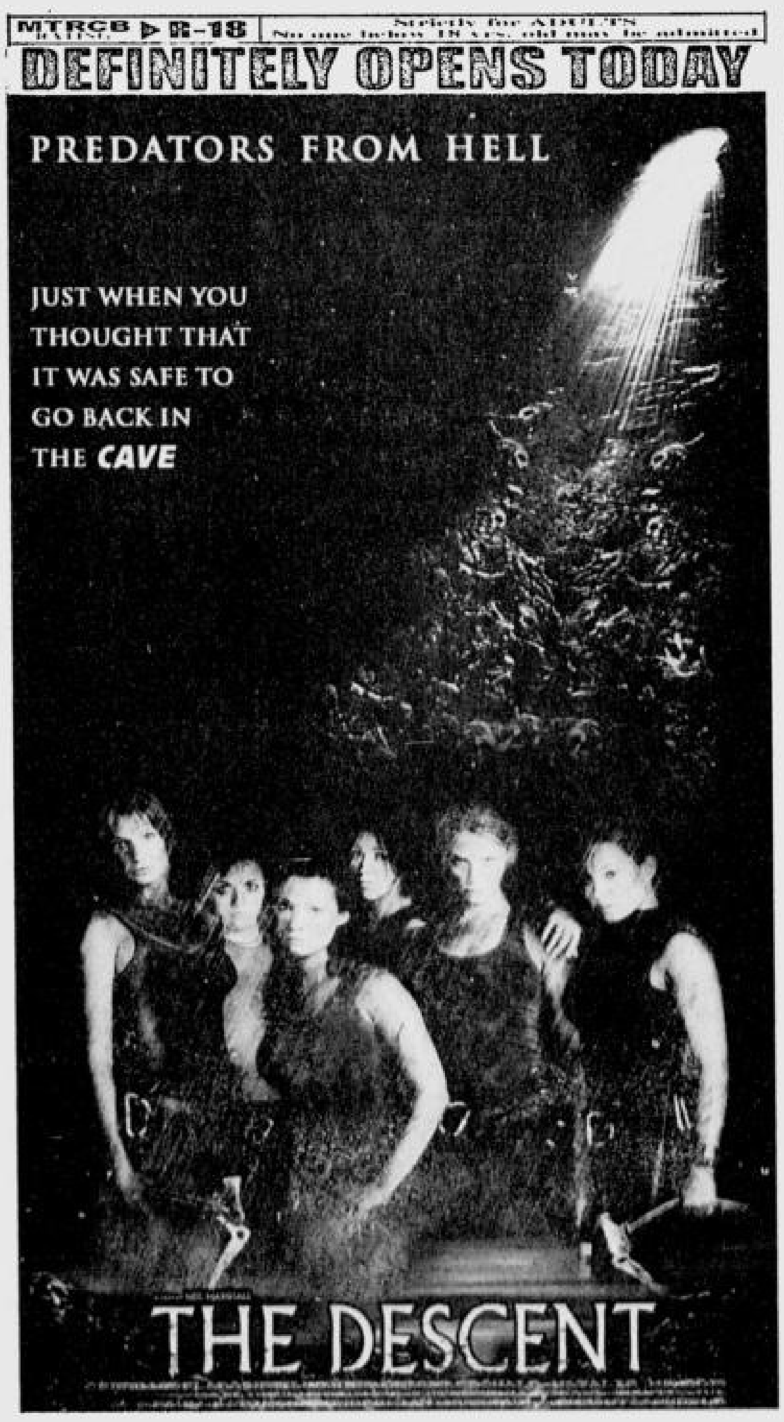
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SHE'S still waiting for the right man, Rachel says.

Rachel's stalker

By Nini Valera

SINGER RACHEL Alejandro was stalked by an Italian admirer while she was on a concert tour of Europe last June.

"It was weird," Rachel told INQUIRER Entertainment, especially because the amorous Italian was married to a friend of hers.

She usually gets such extraordinary attention from men. But, according to the singer, hooking up with a someone in particular has always been tough for her.

She explained: "You can't have [a person] on demand. It takes time and a lot of patience. I've been waiting for the right man ... he still hasn't arrived."

Moving on

At thirtysomething, the daughter of '70s pop icon Hajji Alejandro has been in two romantic entanglements—with singer Dingdong Avanzado and, more recently, with dancer Tim Robbins. These relationships have become mere memories, and Rachel is moving on in her career with a series of shows that highlight the decade that saw her bloom into a pop star.

"That Eighties Show" will be staged tonight at 19 East in Parañaque and tomorrow night at the Hotel Inter-Continental.

"The lineup consists of songs from the '80s, like 'Alone,' 'Total Eclipse of the Heart' and a medley from Eurythmics," said Rachel.

The show was presented at the opening of her restaurant, "The Sexy Chef" on Katipunan Avenue, Quezon City and then in Ratsky's Morato.

'Housewives' still desperate in Season 2

If you don't want to know how Season 1 ends, don't read this

NEW YORK—"DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES" featured a desperate widow Sunday night.

Bree (Marcia Cross) was coping with the sudden death of husband Rex as the reality of his passing set in.

But her usual ice-queen demeanor was put to the ultimate test with the arrival of her mother-in-law, Phyllis, a chronic buttinsky who clashed with Bree on every detail of the funeral arrangements—even pushing Bree to swap Rex's necktie as he lay in his coffin during the service.

"You look magnificent," Bree said, once she had removed Phyllis' garish orange choice from the body.

Brand-new housewife Betty (Alfre Woodard) and her teenage son Matthew got off to a properly mysterious start when Matthew sympathetically told Bree's daughter that he, too, had lost a father.

"Pretending your father's dead?" Betty asked Matthew after the girl had gone.

"I just thought that could help our cover story," he explained. "You know—win 'em over."

"In the future," she said, "leave the cleverness to me.

Lynette (Felicity Huffman), as expected, set out to resume her corporate career after years at home, leaving her husband to play Mr. Mom to their four kids. As expected, he fell short in the role, forcing her to take the baby to her job interview. She got the job..

Unfinished business

Gabrielle (Eva Longoria) was expecting a child—maybe her husband's, maybe the lawn boy's—as her husband Carlos sat in jail. Carlos demanded she take a paternity test and she apparently faked the results.

Those were among the developments when ABC's "Desperate Housewives" returned for its new season, four long months after last year's finale drew some 30 million viewers (the biggest audience for a freshman series finale since "ER" a decade ago).

The most urgent piece of unfinished business was the ambush faced by Mike—the hunky plumber who dates Susan (Teri Hatcher)—at the hands of unhinged teenager Zach, who was holding Susan at gunpoint while holed up in Mike's house. But as he pointed the gun at Mike, Susan knocked him down, and he ran out the door. Problem solved.

Later, Mike told Susan that he suspects Zach is the son he never knew he had. Upset by the news, Susan replied that she and her daughter couldn't move in with Mike after all.

The biggest question left over from last season—exactly why Rex died so unexpectedly—was left unaddressed.

For this, viewers will have to stay tuned.

And they'll have to keep watching to make sense of the opener's final scene. In what appeared to be a nightly ritual for Matthew, he had prepared a dinner tray for someone.

"I'll get the tray," said Betty to her son. "You take the gun."

Down in the basement, they leave the silver tray and the meal. Someone held captive?

Could there be any doubt? "Desperate Housewives" is back!

AP

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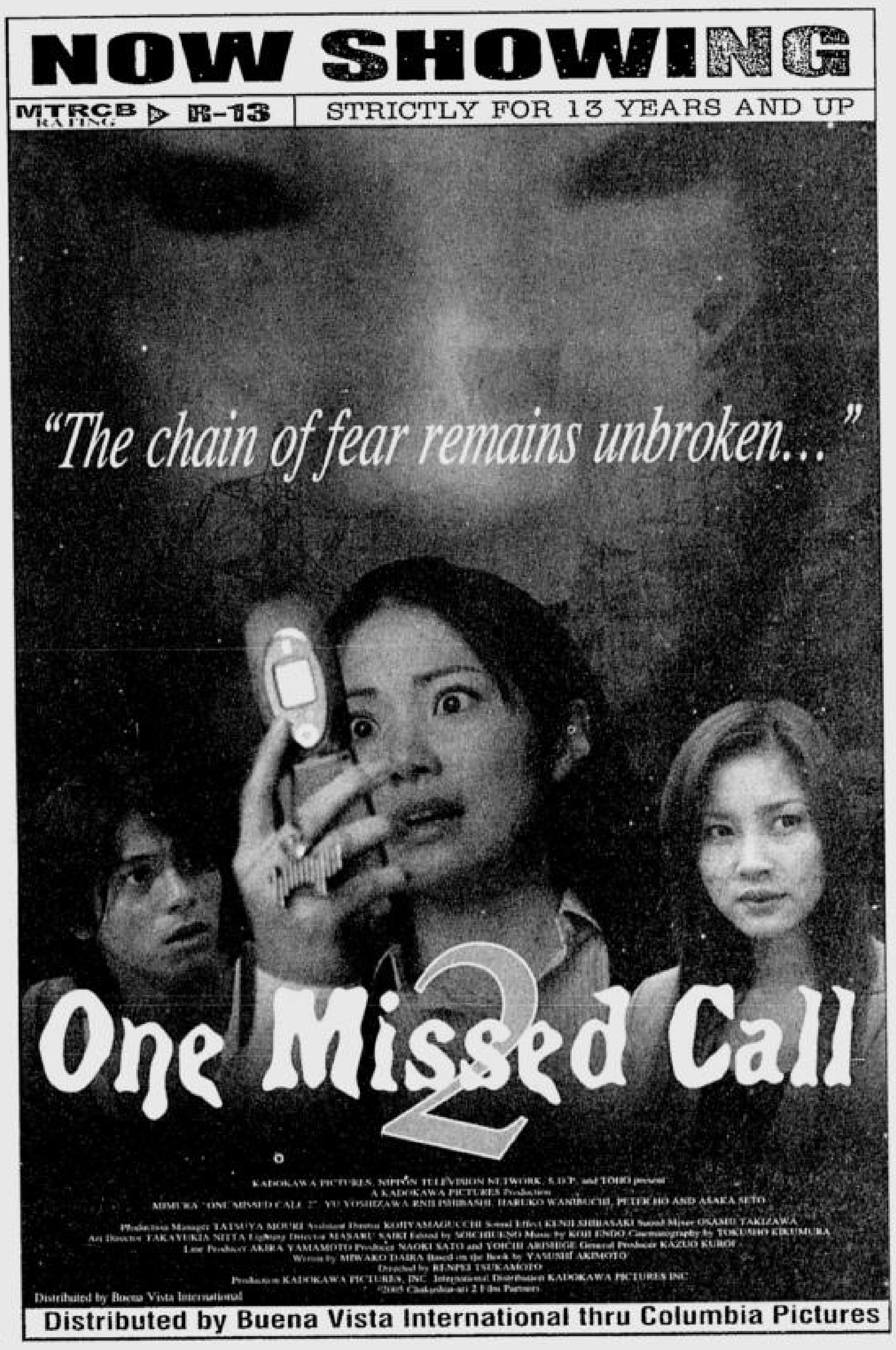

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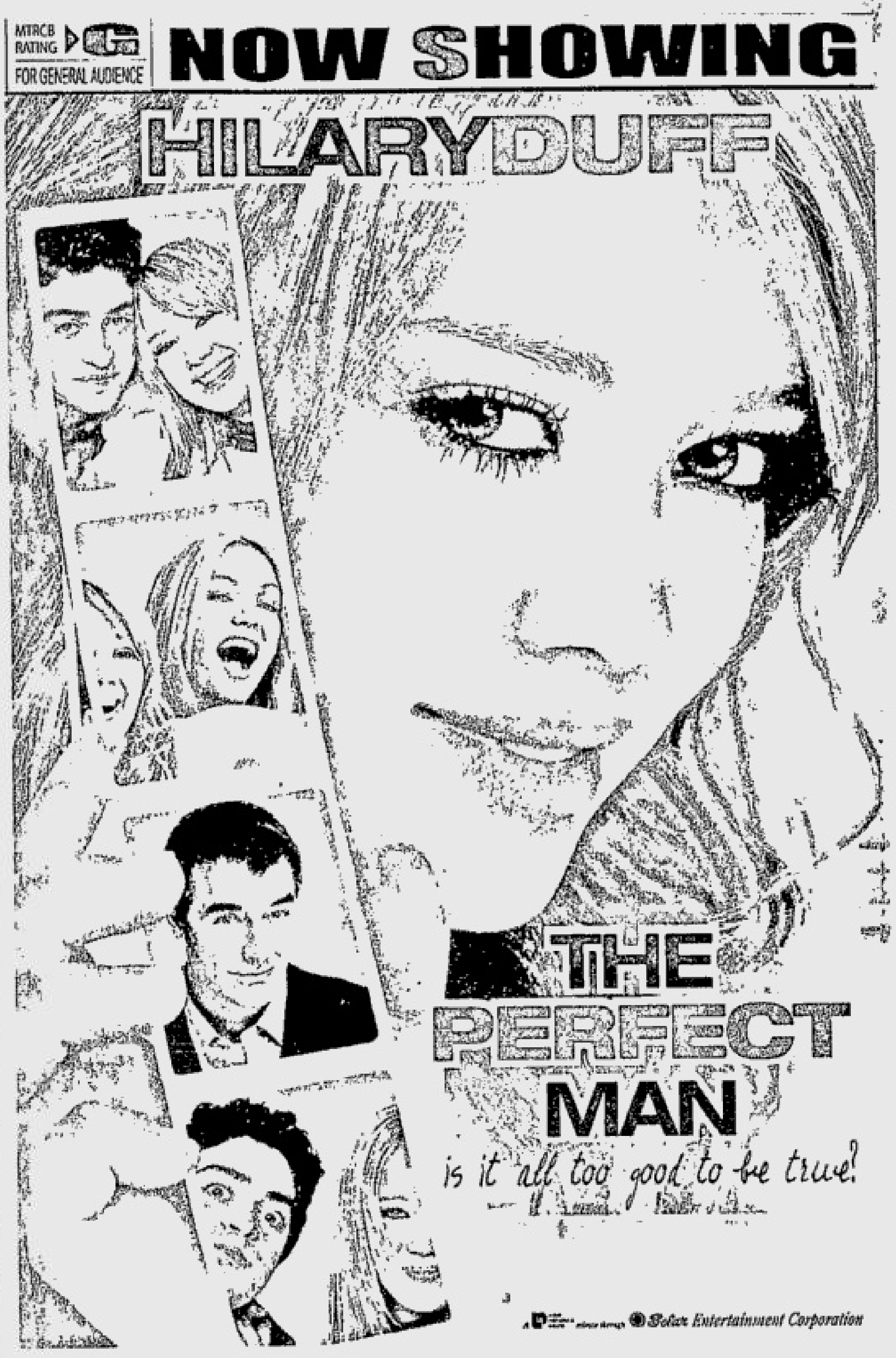

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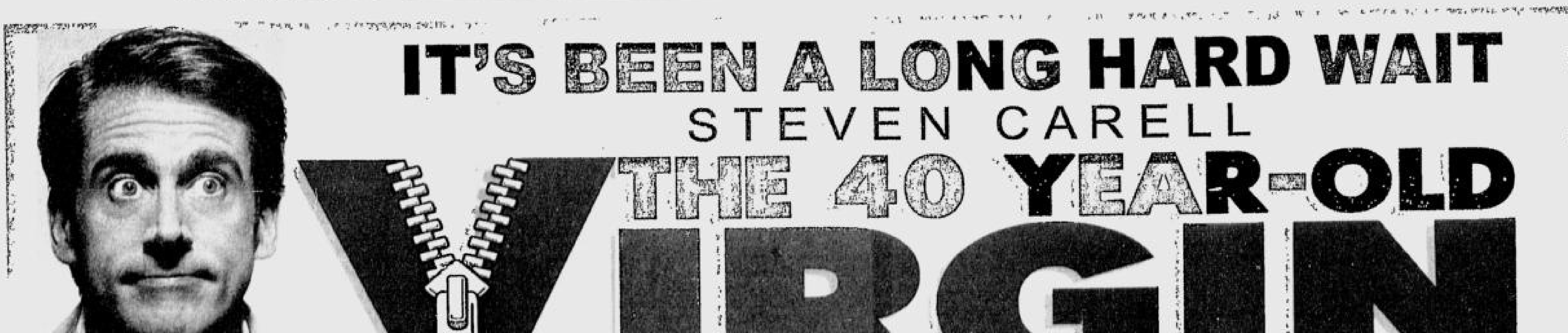

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8 THE DESCENT
9 DUBAI
10 LAZARUS CHILD
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SM CITY FAIRVIEW
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2 BROTHERS GRIMM
3 DARK WATER
4 LAND OF THE DEAD
5 THE DESCENT
6 PERFECT MAN
7 TRANSPORTER 2
8 LOVESTRUCK
9 DUBAI
10 ONE MISSED CALL
11 A SOUND OF THUNDER
12 CONSTANT GARDENER

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4 LAND OF THE DEAD
5 ONE MISSED CALL 2
6 THE DESCENT
7 TRANSPORTER 2
8 LOVESTRUCK

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3 LOVESTRUCK
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5 PERFECT CATCH
6 TRANSPORTER 2
7 DUBAI
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9 ONE MISSED CALL 2
10 BROTHERS GRIMM
11 BLADE OF THE ROSE
12 DUBAI

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2 THE DESCENT
3 LAND OF THE DEAD
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5 DUBAI
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7 PERFECT MAN
8 ONE MISSED CALL 2
9 BLADE OF THE ROSE
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SM SAN LAZARO
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3 PERFECT CATCH
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5 LOVESTRUCK
6 DUBAI

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1 LAND OF THE DEAD
2 DUBAI
3 DUBAI
4 TRANSPORTER 2

SM CITY BICUTAN
1 TRANSPORTER 2
2 DUBAI
3 DUBAI
4 LAND OF THE DEAD

LUZON

SM CITY PAMPANGA
1 BROTHERS GRIMM
2 DARK WATER
3 THE CAVE
4 LOVESTRUCK
5 DUBAI
6 DUBAI

SM CITY BACOOR
1 LAND OF THE DEAD
2 DUBAI
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5 BLADE OF THE ROSE
6 DUBAI
7 LOVESTRUCK
8 PERFECT CATCH

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1 LAND OF THE DEAD
2 DUBAI
3 LOVESTRUCK
4 DARK WATER

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1 DUBAI
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4 THE CVAE

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1 DUBAI
2 CINDERELLA MAN
3 LONGEST YARD
4 THE CAVE

SM CITY MARILAO
1 TRUTH ABOUT LOVE
2 DUBAI
3 LOVESTRUCK
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1 LONGEST YARD
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4 CINDERELLA MAN

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SPOTTED **PAOLO CONTIS** AND **KATRINA Halili** in Rockwell recently. Was it just a friendly date?

For me, **Assunta de Rossi** has one of the most beautiful faces in the biz. Some actresses are just telegenic. But Assunta is a real beauty in person, even sans makeup. It's good that her face is gracing the boob tube again via "Vietnam Rose." I asked her if she would ever be willing to be a mistress just like her character in the telenovela. She laughed. "No way! The closest I came to danger in a relationship was when I almost fell for a priest, when I was still single. I'm glad I snapped out of it before it was too late." She shrugs off rumors that her marriage to **Jules Ledesma** is on the rocks. She said, "Just because we are not seen together in some functions that doesn't mean we are separated. He has his world, I have mine. But we have our own world at home."

DOLLY WOOD

Dolly Ann Carvajal

Nina is all fired up for her concert at the Big Dome on Oct 1. I bet the venue will be filled to the rafters. Nina's songs, especially her version of **Julia Fordham's** "Love Moves in Mysterious Ways," has become the anthem of hearts in various stages of disarray. It's even more popular than the original version! I asked Nina what state her own heart is in. She said, smiling, "Singleness *ang lola mo*!" She can live without a boyfriend but not without music. I second the (E)-motion!

A production member of GMA 7's new horror comedy show "Kakabakaboo" lamented that **Karen de los Santos** acted like a primadonna during taping. The show features Chaka Doll as narrator—it's something like "Tales from the Crypt." Perhaps Karen thought she could behave like a witch since it's a horror show?

"Kakabakaboo" replaces "Bubble Gang Jr." starting Sunday, Oct 2. "Bubble Gang Jr." lived up to its name—*nawalang parang bula*! But "Bubble Gang" continues to bubble in the ratings. The stars are already like family; that's why their antics are so natural, not contrived at all. The gang even opened a "Bubble Gangs Toppings" resto in Katipunan last Sunday. Knowing **Ogie Alcasid**, **Ruffa Mae Quinto**, **Maureen Larrazabal** and the others, I'm sure they will even be game enough to wait on tables, just for fun. Ogie told me that his personal favorites on the menu are *bagnet* and *tuyo*.

I teased Ogie: "Looks like you are turning into a restaurateur? Your Ogie Dogie hotdogs turned one year old recently, and now ... B.G.T?" He laughed and said, "Maybe I should use the title 'Songwriter Turned Food Guru' for my next concert?" His latest musical concoction is "Ogie Alcasid's Greatest Hits" (which includes his version of "Dubai's" theme song, "Ikaw Lamang.") It's food for the heart and soul that's gooood till the last note!

Guess who?

GUESS who this TV host is! She was a guest in a show of her home studio's rival network. The host got irked when Ms TV host yelled at the crew during taping: "Hey! That was her fault. Not mine! I didn't make a booboo. She did. Take two *tayo*!" As a host herself, she should know that even the most seasoned hosts bungle their lines once in a while. How dare she embarrass her host! Ms TV Host always wants to be the star. Twinkle, twinkle! How I wonder why you're so...

Bublé at Big Dome

MICHAEL Buble's local fans have much to rejoice about! The GenXer with the sound of a swing-era crooner is performing at the Araneta Coliseum on Oct. 12.

"Music can transcend borders and boundaries, cultures and creeds," the gifted artist once said.

His latest album, "It's Time," has sold 2.5 million copies worldwide. At the Big Dome, he will be backed up by a 12-member band.

(E-mail wateringholeshangrila@yahoo.com or dollyanne@citykartracing.)

CHEER FACTOR

What Dr. Joyce thinks

NEW YORK—ASHTON Kutcher and Demi Moore are the latest epitome of the May-December romance.

"The younger man is attracted to an older woman most likely because ... she has a polish he hasn't yet acquired," Dr. Joyce Brothers says.

"And she could be attracted to his ... exuberance, his fresh way of looking at the world," Brothers told The Associated Press on Monday.

Since the allure of the older woman is a Hollywood reality, Moore and Kutcher are really far from being an odd couple now. *AP*

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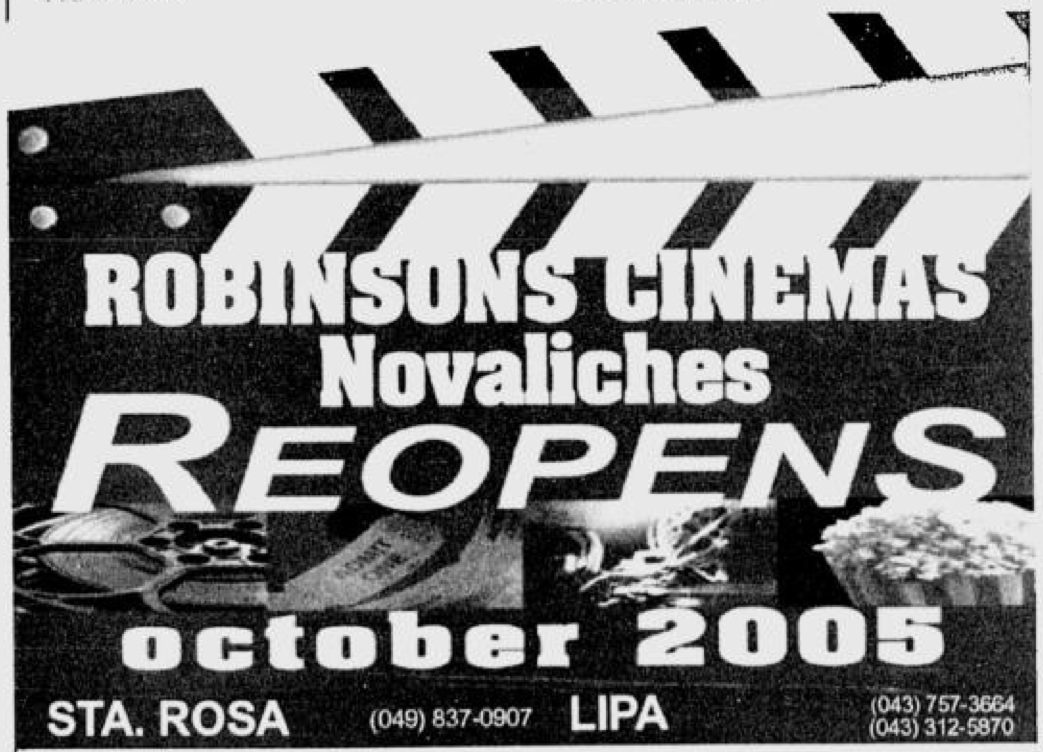

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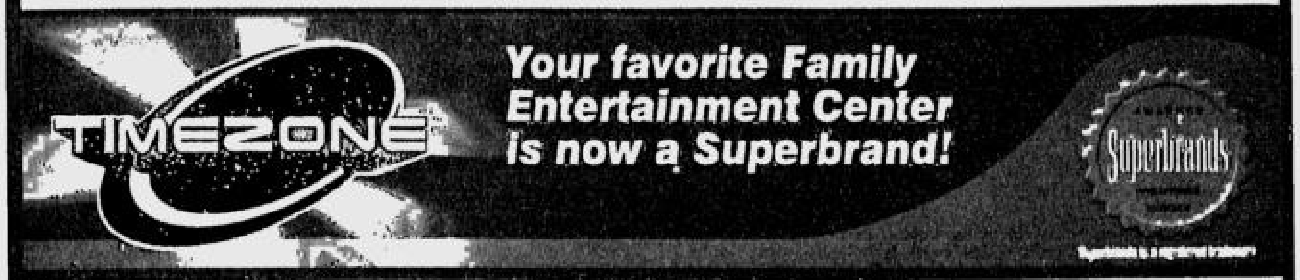

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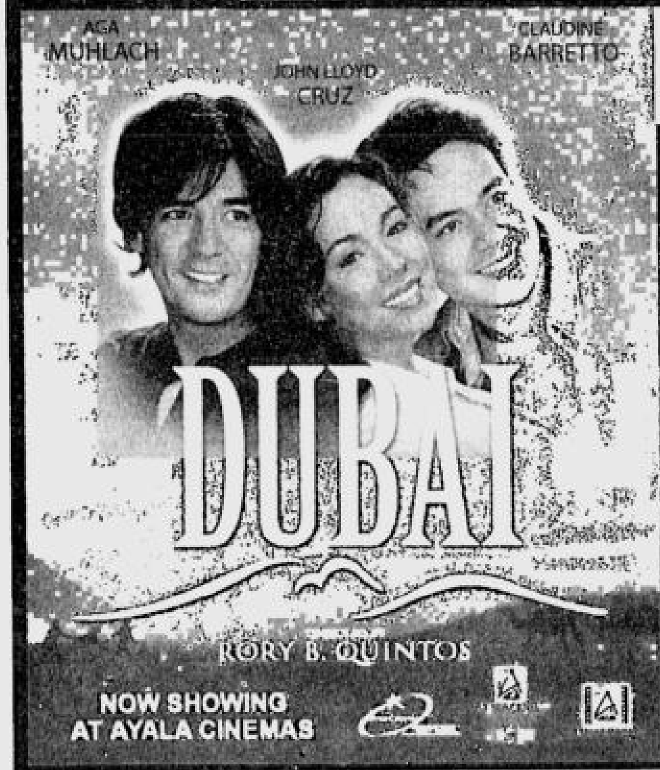

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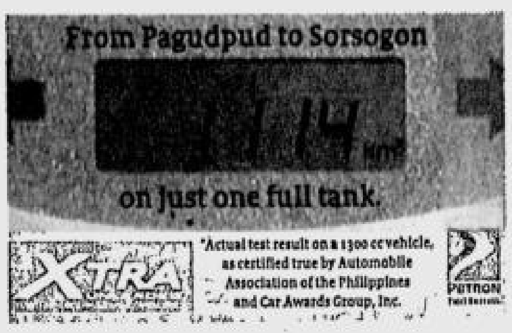
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Foreign firms warn of capital flight

Cite high power rates, slow Napocor privatization

By Abigail L. Ho

VARIOUS FOREIGN business groups in the country are warning of a possible capital flight due to high electricity rates, adding that the slow privatization of National Power Corp.'s generation assets is aggravating the situation.

A statement signed by leaders of the Australia-New Zealand, American, Canadian, Japanese and Korean chambers of commerce of the Philippines, as well as the Philippine Association of Multinational Companies Regional Headquarters cited a survey conducted by the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp. (PSALM) showing that the country ranked among the top five in terms of high electricity rates.

The survey included 15 Asian countries using data compiled as of December 2004.

"The data show us that the prevailing cost of electricity is one of the major reasons why potential foreign investors are cautious of locating their businesses in the country. Existing foreign investors are likewise hesitant to expand their operations and, worse, may even consider bringing their businesses to neighboring Asian countries where electricity rates are much lower," the statement said.

To prevent capital flight, the foreign chambers urged the government to accelerate the implementation of open access, a scheme that would allow large electricity users to choose their power sources instead of being tied down to a specific power source.

As the scheme would promote competition in the energy sector, the foreign chambers expressed confidence that, upon successful implementation, open access would be able to reduce their total delivery cost by 40 percent through lower power rates.

However, since one of the requirements for the declaration of open access was the privatization of at least 70 percent of Napocor's Luzon and Visayas capacities, the foreign chambers said the speed at which PSALM was selling these assets was of utmost importance.

PSALM has so far sold six Napocor plants—five hydroelectric and one coal-fired. These are the 3.5-megawatt (MW) Talomo plant in Davao for $1.37 million, the 1.6-MW Agusan plant in Bukidnon for $1.53 million, the 1.8-MW Barit plant in Camarines

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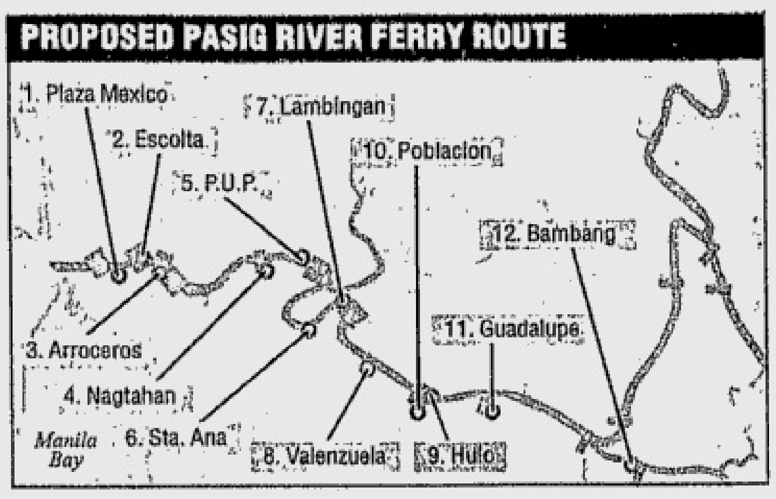

RP-Aussie group bags Pasig ferry project

By Clarissa S. Batino

NAUTICAL TRANSPORT SERvices, a joint venture of Filipino groups led by Penta Capital Investment Corp. and an Australian shipping operator, won an exclusive franchise to operate the Pasig River ferry system, Transport Undersecretary Agustin Bengzon said yesterday.

The company will charge a fare of P2.25 a kilometer to operate air-conditioned ferries along the 17-kilometer stretch of the Pasig River that will be connected by 15 terminals from Intramuros to Pasig. The travel time for the entire stretch is estimated at 40 to 45 minutes.

The fare is slightly higher than the P2 a km being charged by aircon buses. Bengzon, however, said the passengers must consider the savings in terms of time and also in hopping from one public transport to another.

The fare will be adjusted to factor in increases in the cost of fuel. The transport official said that every time fuel prices go up by 5 percent, the ferry operator can seek a fare adjustment.

Bengzon said the winning bid-

RP AUSSIE/ B4

Private groups to handle TPL business

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE INSURANCE COMMISSION yesterday vowed to weed out fraudulent comprehensive third party liability (TPL) coverage for vehicles by drawing the best private insurers into a two-consortium system subjected to stringent competency standards.

Not too keen on an offer from the state-owned Government Service Insurance System to handle all the TLP coverage itself, the IC is instead is working on a similar model successfully adopted by the Land Transportation Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB) for passenger liability coverage.

Insurance Commissioner Ben Santos told reporters that under the scheme advocated by the commission, accredited insurers would pool themselves under the auspices of major industry associations Philippine Insurers and Reinsurers Association (Pira) and Road Accident Managers Services Inc. (Ramsi), then constitute a consortium that will provide the TPL and eventually the insurance coverage for all other vehicle registrations under the Land Transportation Office.

In a letter to Finance Undersecretary Gabriel Singson Jr. dated Sept. 26, Santos said: "The IC has adopted the consortium approach to mandated public liability coverage as part of its reform program to address the weaknesses of the current systems, which have resulted in unpaid government taxes, corruption, untold sufferings for the insured public and a general loss of confidence in the insurance system."

Santos said there was room for two consortia, citing a Supreme Court ruling on the LTRFB model which upheld the government policy of fair and proper competition.

Under the IC's proposal, the members of the association will choose a management company to run each consortium. The company will, in turn, have the authority to issue a standardized certificate of cover (COC). It should have on-line and real-

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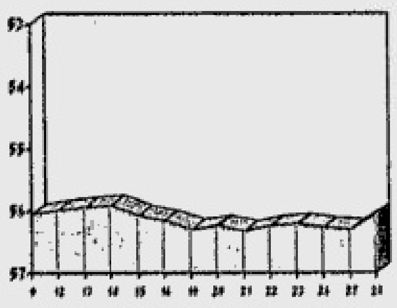

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Shares close 0.42% lower

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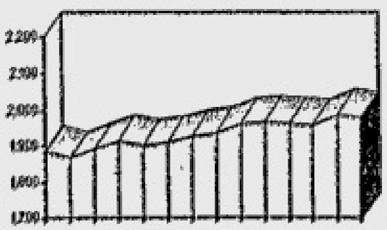

(See stock market report on Page B2)

SHARE prices closed 0.42 percent lower yesterday on profit-taking after the market rose to a six-week high Tuesday, dealers said.

They said there were some fresh political concerns as the Senate began a new inquiry into allegations that President Macapagal-Arroyo cheated in last year's polls and this may have dampened sentiment again.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index shed 8.39 points to 1,976.10 after trading between 1,970.07 and 1,987.89. Volume was 288 million shares worth P1.36 billion. The broader all-shares index retreated 4.79 points to 1,198.81.

Losers led gainers 36 to 16, with 60 stocks unchanged.

"The market is taking a breather. There's no news to push it up," said Mark Alan Canizares of Citiseconline.com.

"The market remains volatile given economic and political uncertainties. Oil prices continue to pose a risk to economic growth while political worries have always been there," Canizares said.

The prospects of higher interest rates has undercut sentiment too.

The central bank last week raised interest rates by a quarter percent-

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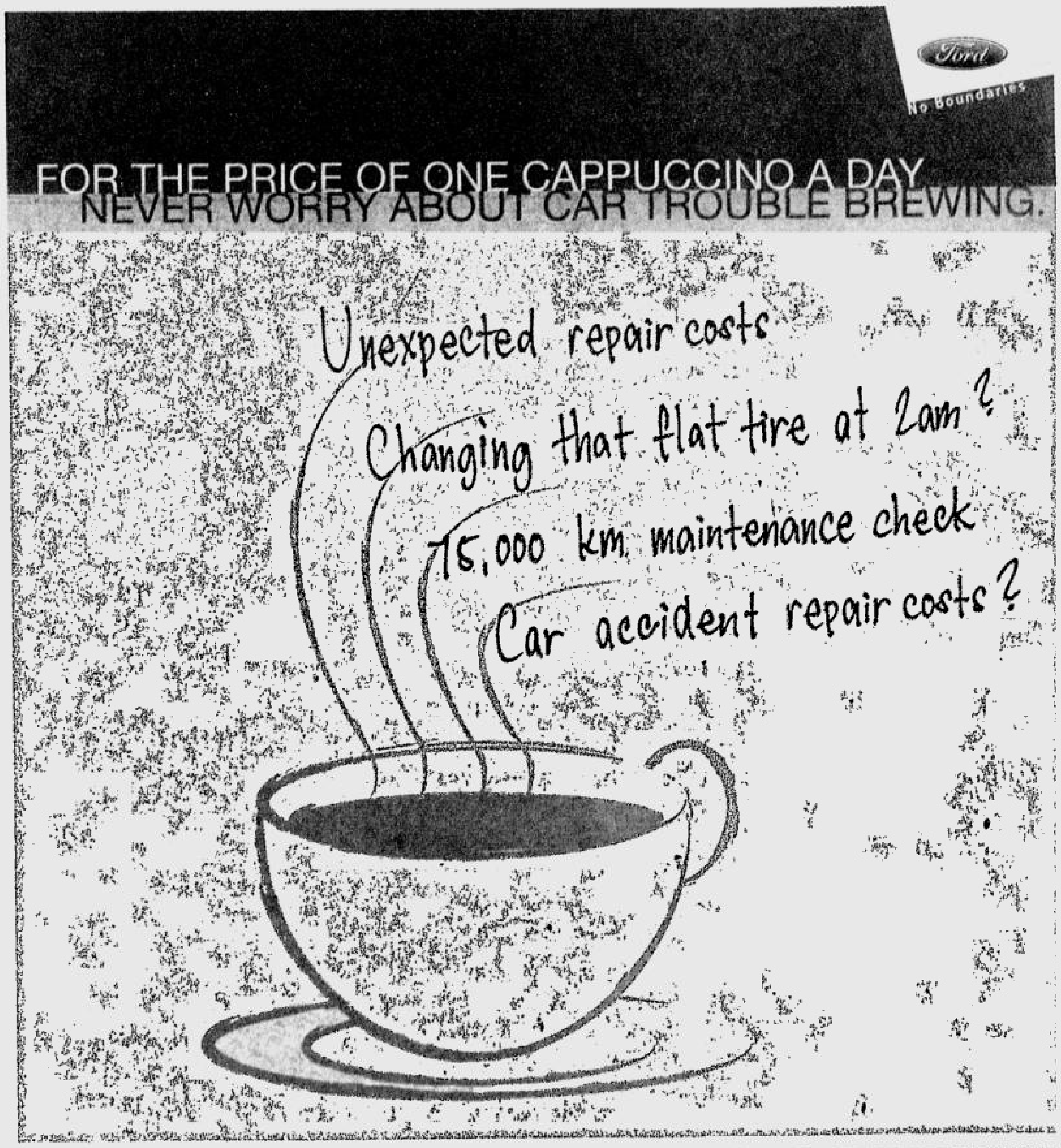
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INFLATIONARY PRESSURES

BSP seen raising key rates further

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS MAY further increase its policy rates before the end of the year due to escalating inflationary pressures arising from rising oil prices.

BSP Deputy Governor Diwa Guinigundo said the central bank was not ruling out that option and this would be done if the condition would warrant it.

The policy-making Monetary Board last week raised the BSP's key overnight rates by 25 basis points for the second time this year, noting that the risks from cost-side pressures had intensified in recent weeks.

Guinigundo explained that higher oil prices were starting to have a second-round effect on consumer demand and expectations, prompting the recent monetary tightening.

"The 25-basis point hike was a signal that the BSP wants to protect the inflation path in 2007 and to manage the level of liquidity that could aggravate pressures," Guinigundo said.

He noted that Treasury bill rates were starting to rise following the recent monetary tightening while supply-side pressures have yet to subside.

"We haven't seen the end of it," Guinigundo said.

The BSP recognizes that supply-side inflation pressures could build up given the likelihood of a continued increase in crude oil prices in the foreseeable future.

The BSP's key overnight borrowing or reverse repurchase rate was set at 7.25 percent and the overnight lending or repurchase rate, at 9.5 percent.

The BSP's monetary tightening last week was expected by the market. It followed another 25-basis point increase in the US Federal Reserve Open Market Committee's targeted funds rate to 3.75 percent.

GUINIGUNDO

Analysts expect the US Fed to further hike its rate in November, fueling speculation that the BSP may also adjust its rates for the third time this year.

The BSP is also concerned that the narrowing differential between the local and US interest rates may encourage investors to dump their pesos in favor of more dollar-denominated assets.

Last July, the BSP imposed a 2-percentage-point hike in the reserve requirement on banks to curb excess financial liquidity which was also putting pressure on inflation and foreign exchange rates.

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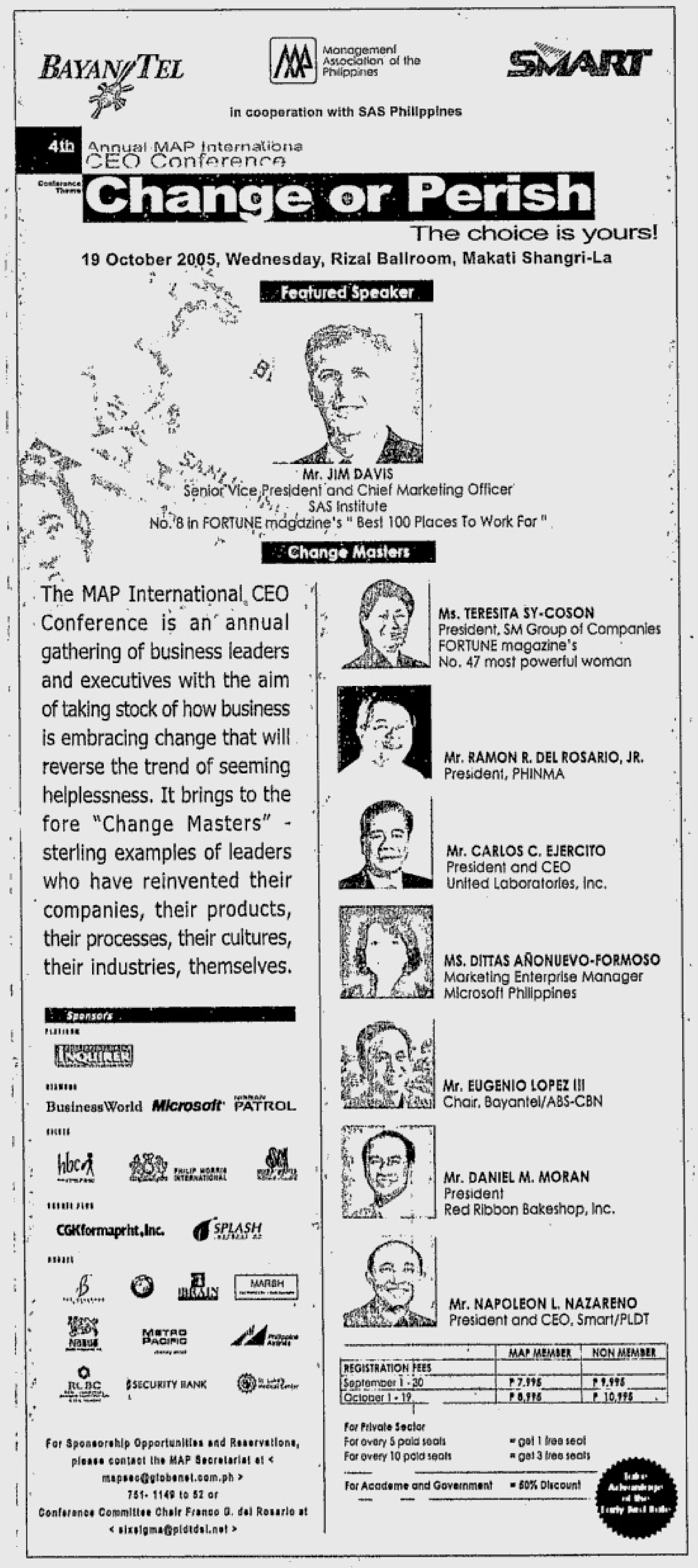

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Credit facility for agriculture, microfinancing projects planned

THE ASIA-PACIFIC RURAL AND AGRICULTURAL Credit Association (Apraca), led by the Philippine government, will put up a regional funding agency that will make available some $500 million in revolving credit for developing countries in Asia.

The Asian Regional Microfinance Fund aims to provide funds for agriculture and microfinance initiatives, said Apraca secretary general Benedicto S. Bayaua in an interview.

Bayaua said that because developing Asian countries were now at the bottom of the list of priorities of existing development funding agencies, such a special funding agency was deemed necessary.

Funding agencies such as Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica) and the Canadian International Development Agency (Cida) are now more focused on initiatives in Africa, Bayaua said.

He said the facility would channel its funds through micro-financial institutions (MFIs) in developing member-countries.

"The MFIs could tap the agency's funds either to finance projects or expand equity," he said. "It will not compete but complement initiatives of existing multilateral agencies such as the Asian Development Bank and World Bank."

"During our workshop, we will determine the prospective investors in and the structure of the Apraca Fund," said Bayaua.

The Iranian Bank of Keshavarzi was the first to provide an initial funding of $3-$5 million for the fund.

"The emerging view is for a two-stage development. First is the creation of a regional fund and, later, its transformation into a regional development bank," he said.

Developing member-countries of Apraca are India, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, China, Kyrgyztan, Vietnam, Malaysia, Azerbaijian, Bangladesh, Iran, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Timor LEste and Uzbekistan. Developed members of the grouping are Australia, Japan and South Korea.

Petron joins fuel ethanol alliance

PETRON CORP. JOINED THE PHILIPPINE FUel Ethanol Alliance yesterday, becoming the first oil company to be a full-fledged member of the organization.

The group is a partnership between the private and public sectors aimed at establishing a local bio-ethanol industry and promote the use of ethanol as an alternative fuel. Its members include the Sugar Regulatory Administration, Philippine Sugar Millers Association, Sugar Master Plan Foundation and Center for Alcohol Research and Development.

Ethanol is an indigenous, renewable and bio-degradable fuel that is expected to reduce the country's dependence on imported fuel.

Last May 30, Petron signed a memorandum of understanding with San Carlos Bioenergy Inc. (SCBI) expressing its intention to absorb SCBI's entire ethanol production. SCBI will construct and operate an integrated sugar mill, cogeneration plant and distillery complex for ethanol production in San Carlos, Negros Occidental. The facility, to be operational in 2007, will be capable of producing 100,000 liters of anhydrous ethanol (99.5 percent purity) daily while producing 9 MW of electricity.

"The alliance is an important catalyst in pursuing the government's energy agenda which is a vital step towards sustainable development," Petron chair Nicasio I. Alcantara said.

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of September 28, 2005)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Asiatrust Dev. Bank Inc.	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	1,000
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	30.5	31	30.5	31	634,000
Bank of the Phil. Islands	54	54	53.5	53.5	1,887,000
Citystate Savings Bank	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	400
Export and Ind. Bank Inc.	0.59	0.59	0.58	0.59	160,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	50	50	50	50	60,500
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	27.5	27.5	27	27	291,600
Philippine National Bank	33.5	33.5	33.5	33.5	99,900
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	15	15	15	15	12,000
Security Bank Corp.	30	30.5	30	30.5	2,875,400
Union Bank of the Phil.	29	29	29	29	300
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PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	1	1	1	1	200,000
Sun Life Financial Inc.	2075	2075	2075	2075	670
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COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	34,800
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.96	0.97	0.96	0.96	4,840,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	770	770	760	760	24,940
Ipeople Inc.	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	75,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.048	0.05	0.048	0.05	1,200,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	3.05	3.05	3.05	3.05	1,512,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	1685	1690	1680	1690	313,010
Philweb Corp.	0.016	0.016	0.015	0.016	6,400,000
POWER, ENERGY & OTHER UTILITIES					
Manila Electric Co. A	14	14.5	13.75	14	46,600
Manila Electric Co. B	22.25	22.25	21.5	22	431,900
Manila Water Co. Inc.	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	1,064,000
Petron Corp.	3.25	3.25	3.2	3.25	688,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.99	1.02	0.99	1.02	703,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.76	1.76	1.76	1.76	158,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	9	9	9	9	861,000
Lorenzo Shipping Corp.	1.18	1.18	1.16	1.18	199,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.54	0.54	0.53	0.53	60,000
Holcim Philippines Inc.	2.95	2.95	2.85	2.95	1,489,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	3.55	3.55	3.55	3.55	103,000
Cosmos Bottling Corp.	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3,000
Ginebra San Miguel Inc.	31	31	31	31	73,700
Jollibee Foods Corp.	36.5	37.5	36.5	37	404,200
San Miguel Corp. A	65.5	66	65.5	66	49,700
San Miguel Corp. B	94	94	93.5	94	96,800
Universal Robina Corp.	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	20,000
Vitarich Corp.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	290,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.007	3,000,000
Ayala Corp.	297.5	297.5	292.5	295	108,490
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	5	5	5	5	26,279,000
Ajo.Net Holdings, Inc.	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	7,400,000
A. Soriano Corp.	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	998,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	15,000,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	200,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc.	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	16,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	1.04	1.04	1.02	1.04	2,663,000
A Brown Co. Inc.	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	20,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	700,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.175	0.175	0.175	0.175	100,000
Southeast Asian Cement	0.245	0.245	0.245	0.245	930,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	3.45	3.45	3.35	3.35	365,000
Ever-Gotesco Resources	0.029	0.029	0.029	0.029	1,500,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.12	148,000
Fil-Hispano Holdings Corp.	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	225,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	42.5	43	42	42	713,300
Global Equities Inc.	0.0675	0.0675	0.0675	0.0675	200,000
IPVG Corp.	2.14	2.14	2.14	2.14	1,709,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	3.55	3.6	3.55	3.6	161,000
Macroasia Corp.	1.74	1.8	1.74	1.8	14,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.42	1.42	1.4	1.4	9,299,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	17,980,000
Prime Orion Phils. Inc.	0.195	0.195	0.195	0.195	360,000
Prime Media Holdings Inc.	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	50,000
Roxas Holdings Inc.	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	41,000
SM Investments Corp.	222	222	215	217	157,740
South China Resources Inc.	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.66	240,000
Unioil Res. & Holdings Co	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	400,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	150,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Panasonic Mfg Phil Corp	7	7	7	7	10,000
Steniel Manufacturing	0.145	0.145	0.145	0.145	10,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.93	0.94	0.93	0.93	850,000
Fairmont Holdings, Inc.	0.72	0.72	0.72	0.72	200,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	1.54	1.54	1.54	1.54	260,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp (Pdr)	14.75	14.75	14.5	14.5	40,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	100
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	8.2	8.2	8	8.1	3,853,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	20,000
C&P Homes Inc	0.17	0.18	0.16	0.17	31,170,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.225	0.225	0.22	0.225	660,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.37	0.38	0.37	0.37	6,300,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.36	1.38	1.36	1.38	2,633,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.2	0.2	0.195	0.195	550,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	60,000
Philippine Estates Corp.	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	150,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.2	942,000
Phil Realty and Holdings	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.155	110,000
SM Development Corp.	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.42	50,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	7.6	7.7	7.5	7.5	4,356,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. A	0.99	0.99	0.98	0.98	96,000
Apex Mining Co. Inc. B	1.02	1.02	0.95	0.95	277,000
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.0075	0.0075	0.007	0.007	16,000,000
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.8	500,000
Benguet Corp. A	8.4	8.4	8	8	8,000
Dizon Copper Silver Mines	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	20,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.25	0.25	0.245	0.25	1,260,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	1,350,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.016	0.016	0.016	0.016	2,800,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.024	0.025	0.024	0.024	9,500,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	8,050,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	1.1	1.1	1.06	1.06	2,580,000
Semirara Mining Corp.	28	28	27	27.5	727,600
United Paragon Mining Co.	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.27	300,000
OIL					
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.0075	0.008	0.0075	0.0075	43,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.0085	0.0085	0.0085	0.0085	21,000,000
The Philodrill Corp. A	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	10,000
The Philodrill Corp. B	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	20,000
Petroenergy Res. Corp.	4.3	4.35	4.3	4.35	73,000
Sinophil Corp.	0.135	0.135	0.135	0.135	7,180,000

	SHARES	VALUE(P)
Bank & Fin Svc	6,223,910	226,535,650.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	115,134,480	1,019,872,700.00
PRO	50,854,000	81,007,640.00
Mining	43,468,600	34,739,520.00
OIL	71,283,000	1,808,350.00
SME	11,000	46,200.00
GRAND TOTALS :	286,974,990	1,364,010,060.00

AVERAGES		
Bank & Fin Svc	568.60	DOWN 4.30
Comm'l & Ind'l	3,137.79	DOWN 2.58
PRO	720.90	DOWN 11.69
Mining	2,636.39	DOWN 43.35
OIL	3.18	DOWN 0.01
SME	100.00	UNCH 0.00
All Shares Index	1,198.81	DOWN 4.79
Composite	1,976.10	DOWN 8.39

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PRIME Orion Philippines Inc. will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on Nov. 14, 2:30 p.m., at 21/F BA-Lepanto Bldg., 8747 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City. Stockholders of record as of Oct. 11 will be entitled to vote.

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DIVERSIFIED Financial Network Inc. disclosed that directors Antonio Lopa and Ronald Arambulo have direct ownership of 50,001 shares and 1 share, respectively, of the company.

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PCI Leasing and Finance Inc. disclosed that its new corporate secretary, Luis Ma. Uranza, had no shareholding in the company.

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TANDUAY Holdings Inc. subsidiary, Tanduay Distillers Inc., now owns 90 percent of the outstanding capital stock of the company.

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UNIOIL Resources and Holdings Co. Inc. asked the Securities and Exchange Commission not to impose the P100,000-penalty on the company for its failure to submit its 2004 annual report on or before the April 15 deadline. Unioil said its external auditor "took a long time to carefully do its job," and that the company was in no position to absorb the financial burden.

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Shares close 0.42% lower

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age point, its second rate hike this year, to curb rising inflation. Analysts expect another 25-basis point increase before the year ends.

Most actively traded Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. closed up P10 at P1,690, still buoyed by hopes of brisk third-quarter earnings.

Ayala Land fell 10 centavos to P8.10 while parent Ayala Corp. retreated P2.50 to P295.

Globe Telecom fell P10 to P760.

"A" shares of San Miguel Corp., exclusive to local investors, closed unchanged at P66 while San Miguel "B," open to foreign investors, was steady at P94. *AFP*

DOF loses hope on VAT implementation this year

Collection seen hitting only P5B

By Daxim L. Lucas

PROCEEDS FROM THE EXPANDED VALUE-Added Tax Law for this year will be "negligible" even if the Supreme Court allows it to take effect next week, according to a finance department official.

Because of this, the government has abandoned the VAT law as the cornerstone of its fiscal policy for the remainder of the year, Finance Undersecretary Emmanuel P. Bonoan said in a telephone interview.

"It's so delayed that we're no longer counting on it to help us this year," he said.

He said the VAT collection this year might hit only P5 billion even if the Supreme Court would affirm the law's provisions next week.

"We could have earned up to P60 billion if this (the law) was implemented on July 1," Bonoan said.

The Supreme Court has given the law's backers another five days to respond to comments made by those opposing it before ruling on the legality of its controversial provisions, including the so-called "no pass-on provision" and the input VAT cap for oil firms.

The government earlier downgraded its expected VAT collections this year from P60 billion to P28 billion because of the delays, but Bonoan said tax authorities would likely miss this figure and that, at best, VAT collections might reach only P5 billion.

Despite the loss of proceeds from the VAT law, the finance official said the national government's budget deficit would still fall within its P180-billion ceiling by the end of the year, possibly hitting as low as P161 billion.

In the meantime, President Macapagal-Arroyo has affirmed her support for the VAT law after giving hints earlier of her willingness to see its implementation postponed.

Sources in Congress said the President recently met with key leaders of the Lower House and the Senate to express her support for the VAT law.

During the meeting, Ms Arroyo reportedly assured lawmakers that she would not back the proposal of Albay Rep. Joey Salceda to delay the implementation of the controversial law.

Ms Arroyo made the assurance to lawmakers to clarify the Palace's stand on the issue and to reassure investors that the country was serious in its efforts to put its fiscal house in order, legislative sources said.

RP-IRAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS
Iranian Ambassador to the Philippines Jalal Kalantari (right) presents a traditional handcrafted ceramic dish as a token to Trade and Industry Secretary Peter B. Favila during a recent courtesy call. The two officials discussed ongoing projects to strengthen bilateral economic relations under the auspices of the RP-Iran Joint Commission on Economic and Commercial Cooperation. Secretary Favila also sought the ambassador's assistance in setting a Halal accreditation system for Philippine food exporters that would cater to the Iranian market.

GSPI completes machine repair

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST STEEL MANUFACTURER yesterday said it would be able to supply the local market's requirement for steel products following breakthroughs in the rehabilitation of its mill in Iligan City.

Global Steel Philippines Inc. said it had completed the repairs on the plant's 60-inch roll grinding machine, which had been mothballed since the former National Steel Corp. (NSC) shut down operations five years ago.

The machine is used for grinding cylindrical rolls in the manufacture of cold-rolled steel products.

Made of forged alloyed steel, the rolls process hot-rolled coils into thinner cold-rolled coils.

"The restored 60-inch Farell machine is now among the most flexible and efficient machines currently used at the plant. It will enable the plant to process steel with better accuracy and finish," said GSPI president Sushant C. Das.

Das said the repair of both the machine and of the software that operates it was done successfully by Filipino employees who relied mainly on the experiences and know-how obtained from years of service with the firm.

Before the machine was repaired, the Iligan plant had only two working roll grinders for 28-inch and 36-inch diameter rolls.

GSPI supplies the domestic and regional market with hot rolled plates, hot rolled coils, cold rolled full hard coils, and cold rolled annealed coils.

Earlier this month, the company said it would start production of thin steel sheets and tin plates.

Company officials said the firm was now making cold-rolled light gauge steel measuring 0.17 millimeters and thinner, and would start production of tinplates before yearend.

Ranen Chattopadhyay, head of GSPI's quality assurance and research unit, said local demand for such thin sheets had been met entirely with imports while GSPI is the country's biggest exporter of cold-rolled coils.

Other products GSPI is set to launch soon are cold-rolled steel for use as panels, computer casings, appliances, furniture, and automobile fuel tanks.

Also, the company plans to start making full-hard, cold-rolled substrate of aluminum zinc alloy coating-called galvalume—which is used as roofing material.

Foreign firms warn …

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Sur for $480,000, the 0.4-MW Cawayan plant in Sorsogon for $410,410, the 1.2-MW Loboc plant in Bohol for $1.42 million, and the 600-MW Masinloc coal-fired plant for $561.74 million.

These six plants only add up to about 11 percent of Napocor capacities that have been lined up for privatization.

Based on the pace at which the assets were being privatized, the foreign chambers urged the Department of Energy to consider seeking an amendment to that particular open access pre-condition, as stated in RA 9136 or the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 (Epira).

The group said the DOE should bat for the lowering of the 70-percent requirement.

Also, the group said the Energy Regulatory Commission should ensure that distribution utilities (DUs) sourced their supply from power producers that offered the most competitive rates.

"Once DUs observe the highest level of transparency and adhere to the spirit of fair play through competitive bidding, the true concept of a free economy will be realized where competition is at the highest level resulting in reasonably lower and competitive power rates," the group said.

The commercial operation of the wholesale electricity spot market is also one of the pre-conditions to the declaration of open access.

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time connectivity to both the IC and the LTO to reduce the opportunity for irregularities.

Santos said this solution would allow the government to generate the correct amount of tax revenues while curbing the fraudulent activities that the TPL Law had so long failed to address.

The government was alarmed over the IC's discovery that fake insurance policies were peddled at LTO branches all over the country. Since no premium collections were acknowledged for fake policies, no taxes are collected on them either.

Accident claims filed against fake CTPL policies were likewise not being paid, swamping the IC with complaints on policies which the affected insurers would in turn deny having issued.

There was also no effective system in place to monitor the validity of issued policies and the payment of legitimate claims.

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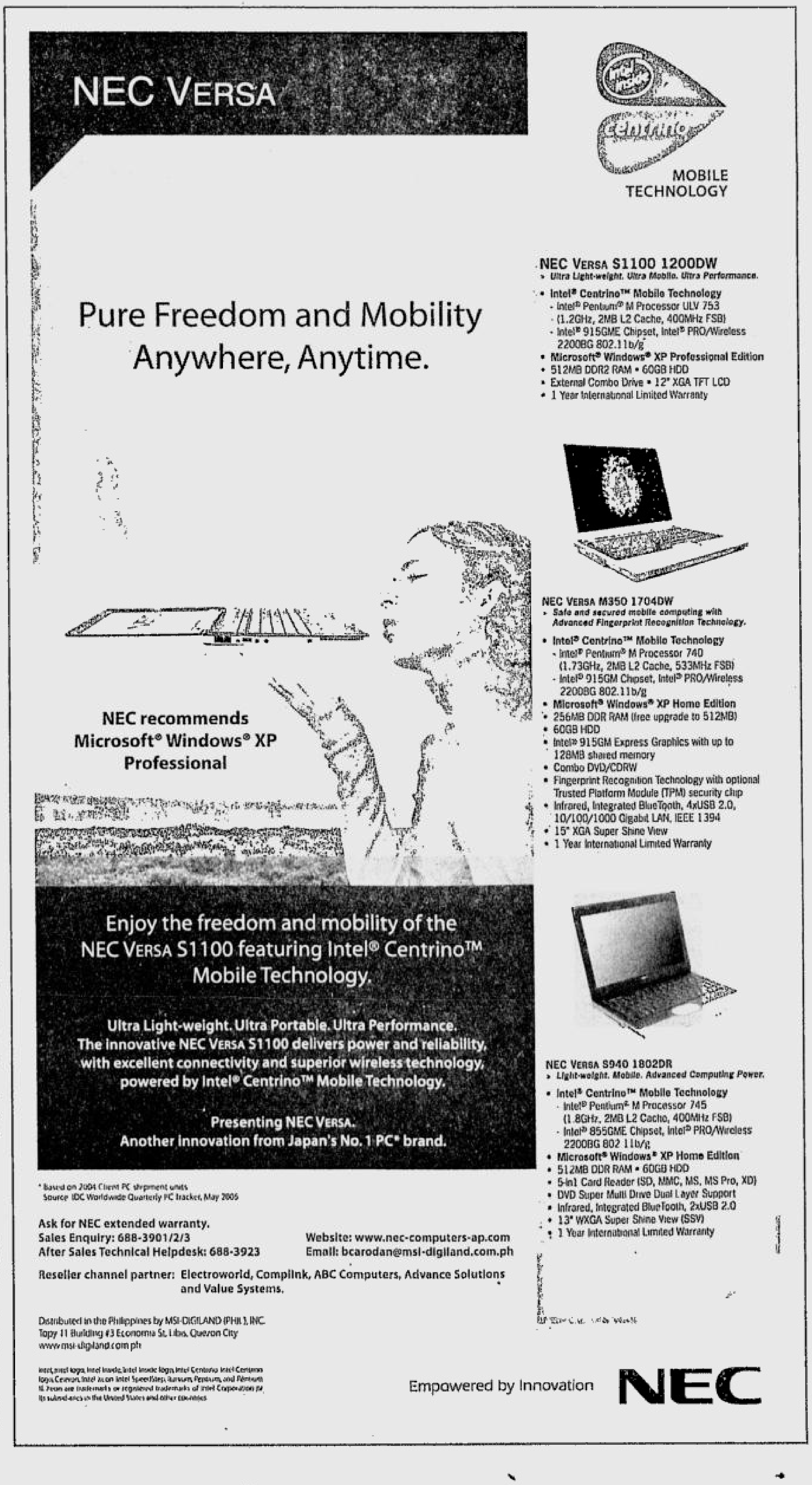

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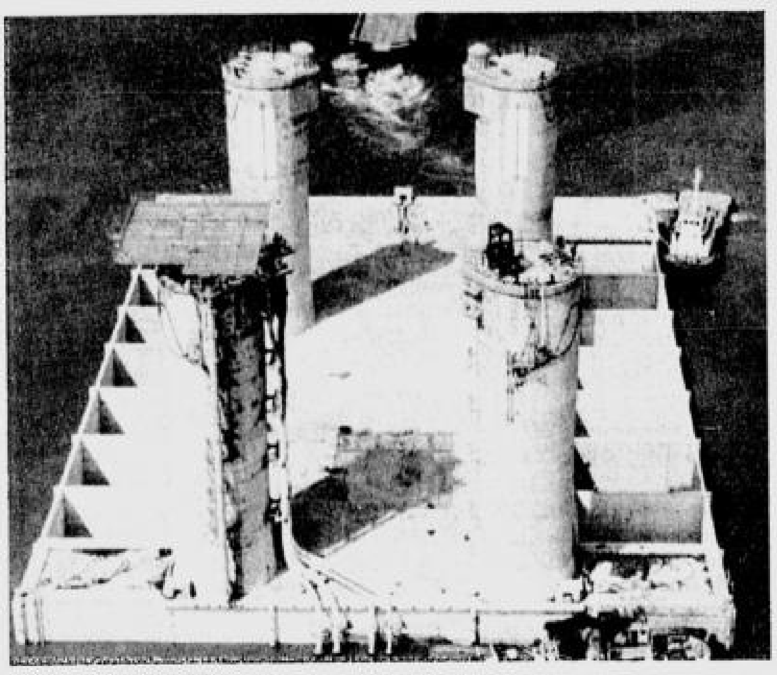


MALAMPAYA RIG

By Abigail L. Ho

THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY HAS GIVEN members of the Malampaya Deep Water Gas-to-Power Project consortium until Sept. 30 to decide whether they will extract and develop oil from the natural gas find off northwest Palawan.

Energy Undersecretary Guillermo Balce said discussions on the Malampaya oil rim were on hold until tomorrow, after which it would ask consortium members Shell Philippines Exploration BV (Spex) and Chevron Texaco Malampaya on their definite plans.

"We'll look at the bigger picture after that," he told reporters yesterday.

The DOE is pushing for the extraction and development of the Malampaya oil to help ease the country's dependence on imported oil.

Eduardo Manalac, president of Malampaya consortium member Philippine National Oil Co., had earlier said that the state firm remained open to the idea of extracting the Malampaya oil if no other party would do it.

The project, should it be given to PNOC to undertake, would be done outside of the consortium contract.

PNOC has a 10-percent stake in the Malampaya gas find.

The remaining 90 percent is split evenly between Spex and Chevron Texaco Malampaya.

The two multinational oil firms had earlier refused to bankroll the project as the potential oil yield from the Malampaya reserves was much smaller than their other offshore projects.

A third party could not just step into the picture and do the oil extraction, however, as Spex and Chevron Texaco required any new developer to set up a $12-billion indemnity fund to guarantee compensation for any damage to the profitability of the natural gas business.

Manalac said the DOE would have to negotiate with the consortium members regarding this indemnity provision in the contract.

"The DOE will need to settle the issue of the indemnity clause. If they'll agree that the indemnity needs to be paid, then no one will develop (the oil rim)," he said.

Although PNOC is part of the Malampaya consortium, he said this might not be enough to exempt the state firm from setting up an indemnity fund should it be tasked to extract and develop the Malampaya oil reserves.

An industry source said it was but fair for the Malampaya investors to require the set-up of an indemnity fund as any wrong move in extracting the oil from the gas find could jeopardize their nearly $4.5-billion investment.

The source added that extracting the Malampaya oil was not even feasible as it would cost between $700 million and $800 million to do so, yet yield only about 28 million barrels of crude oil.

This yield, the source said, would be good for only 80 days, considering the country's average requirement of 350,000 barrels a day.

"Considering the (oil extraction project's) risk-reward profile, it's really not commercially viable to undertake," the source said.

PSALM Power Sector Assets & Liabilities Management

INVITATION TO BID

The Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation ("*PSALM*") Privatization, Bids and Awards Committee ("*Committee*") invites interested parties to participate in and bid for the privatization of the following

Hydroelectric Power Complex consisting of the 100 MW Pantabangan Hydroelectric Power Plant and the 12 MW Masiway Hydroelectric Power Plant both located at Pantabangan, Nueva Ecija

(collectively, the "*Asset*"). The Asset is being privatized on an "*as is where is*" basis.

Interested parties are required to submit a Letter of Interest ("*LOI*") to PSALM which shall state the full name address, telephone and fax number of the interested party, name of the principal contact, signed by an authorized representative, and with the latest audited financial statement attached to the submission All LOIs must be received by PSALM at the PSALM Office, 2nd Floor, SGV II Building, Ayala Avenue, Makati City, not later than 5:00 p.m. on October 12, 2005 (the "*LOI Submission Deadline*"). Only interested parties that submit an LOI by the LOI Submission Deadline shall be allowed to participate further in the privatization of the Asset

As a prerequisite to the receipt of the Bidding Package, Interested parties shall execute a Confidentiality Agreement and an Undertaking pursuant to Section 78 of RA 9136, in the forms provided by PSALM, and pay a non-refundable fee in the amount of one thousand U.S. Dollars (U.S $ 1,000 00) (the "*Participation Fee*") The Participation Fee shall either be in cash, manager's check or cashier's check All bank charges, if any, shall be for the account of the interested party. The Confidentiality Agreement, Undertaking and Participation Fee must be received by PSALM on or before 5:00 p.m. on October 13, 2005 to entitle an interested party further participation in the privatization of the Asset.

The Bidding Package, which includes the bidding procedures, shall be issued during office hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) from October 12, 2005 until October 17, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. (the "*Deadline*") at the PSALM Office In accordance with the bidding procedures, only interested parties who have been issued the Bidding Package by the Deadline or a consortium which includes an interested party will be allowed to participate further in the privatization of the Asset.

The schedule of the bidding activities shall be as follows:

Due Diligence	October 3 – November 25, 2005
Pre-bid Conference	October 19, 2005, 2:00 p.m at the PSALM Office
Deadline for Receipt of Bids by PSALM	To be announced to Interested Bidders at a later date by PSALM

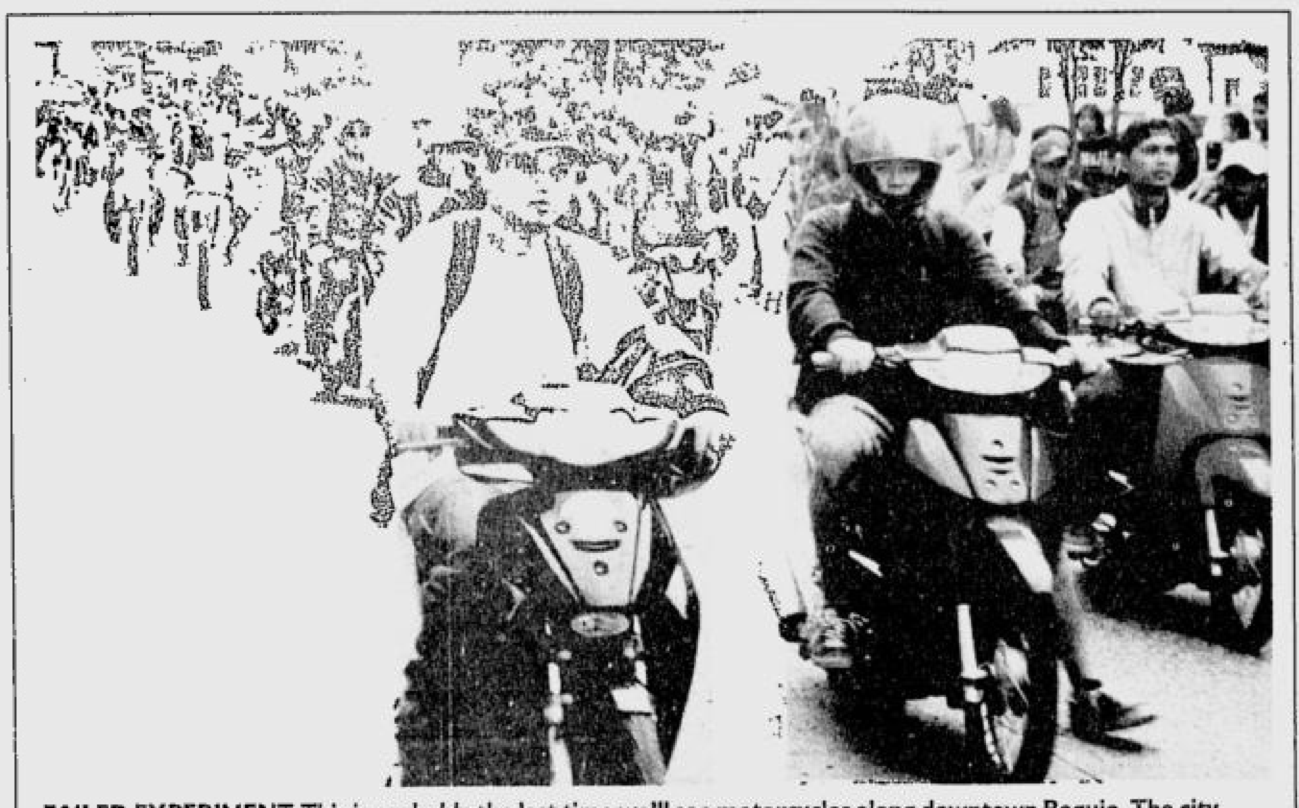
References to dates and times shall be based on Manila time. Should any of the above dates fall on a holiday, the deadline shall be extended to the same time of the immediately succeeding business day in Makati City.

Interested parties will be required to post a bid security equivalent to two million U.S Dollars (US$ 2,000,000 00) in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, confirmed by a local bank and acceptable to the Committee The bid security of the winning bidder shall be substituted by a performance security to guarantee prompt, faithful and complete performance of its obligations under the transaction A two-envelope bidding system will be adopted Further details on the privatization of the Asset are contained in the Bidding Package.

Letters of Interest, Confidentiality Agreements and Undertakings shall be addressed and submitted to The Chairman, Privatization, Bids and Awards Committee, PSALM Corporation, 2nd Floor, SGV II Building, Ayala Avenue, Makati City, Philippines Inquiries and clarifications shall be addressed to Mr Froilan A Tampinco at the PSALM Office or at telephone number (632) 893-8202 loc. 202 or 206, telefax number (632) 840-3896 or e-mail address fatampinco@psalm.gov.ph.

The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any interested party or bidder or proposals or bids therefrom or any part thereof, and/or to waive any defects contained therein and accept the offer most advantageous to the Government, without offering any reason whatsoever. It does not assume any obligation to compensate or indemnify parties for any expense or loss that they may incur as a result of their participation in the privatization process, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made. Interested parties and bidders are required to comply with Philippine law at all times. Finally, it reserves the right to modify, supplement, or change the Bidding Procedures and other aspects of the privatization process at any time, including the schedule and the venue provided herein, for any reason whatsoever and without giving prior notice. Interested parties and/or bidders will be notified subsequently of such modifications, supplements, or changes.

(Sgd.) RAPHAEL P.M. LOTILLA
PSALM Privatization, Bids and Awards Committee
(PDI--September 27, 28, 29, 2005)



FAILED EXPERIMENT. This is probably the last time we'll see motorcycles along downtown Baguio. The city government lifted a 30-year ban on motorcycles plying major Baguio roads for a month-long experiment to help in Baguio's energy conservation programs because the bikes use less fuel and produce less pollution than the average automobile. But an increase in accidents compelled traffic police office to restore the ban. VINCENT CABREZA

NTC to be put back under DOTC wing

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS Commission has been put back under the supervision of the Department of Transportation and Communication.

In an executive order issued last month, supervision over the NTC was transferred from the Commission on Information and Communications Technology to the DOTC.

The transfer raised some eyebrows as some quarters believed it would lead to government control over the media and telecommunications companies under NTC.

NTC chair Ronald Solis, however, immediately dismissed such talks as "concoctions of paranoids."

He said the order to return the Commission to the DOTC was just temporary and meant to address the inconsistencies of having the NTC under another commission.

"The idea (about controlling media and telcos) is farfetched. There is just too much paranoia going around," said Solis.

He said that taking over public utilities like television, radio and telecoms involved certain conditions and rules that do not depend on whether it was the DOTC or the Commission on ICT on top of the NTC.

Solis refused to second-guess Malacanang's motives for transferring the NTC back to the DOTC.

A January 2004 executive order placed the NTC under the supervision of the Commission on Information and Communication Technology to dovetail the development of information technology with policies in telecommunications.

There are others who said that putting back the NTC under the DOTC was related to plans of the government to bid out by yearend new wireless frequencies called 3G.

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Geothermal Complex consisting of the 275 MW Tiwi Geothermal Power Plant located in Tiwi, Albay and the 425.73 MW MakBan Geothermal Power Plant located in Laguna and Batangas Provinces

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The schedule of the bidding activities shall be as follows:

Due Diligence	October 3 – December 5, 2005
Pre-bid Conference	October 21, 2005, 2:00 p.m. at the PSALM Office
Deadline for Receipt of Bids by PSALM	To be announced to Interested Bidders at a later date by PSALM

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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 12
Series of 2005

TO : ALL CONCERNED
SUBJECT : ISSUANCE OF A MULTIPLE TRAVEL EXIT CLEARANCE VALID FOR ONE YEAR FOR LANDBASED WORKERS-ON-LEAVE (BALIK-MANGGAGAWA)

In line with the Administration's thrust to streamline procedures for issuance of the exit clearance for workers-on-leave and to improve our services to Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), the following guidelines are hereby issued

I. Multiple Travel Exit Clearance

Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) who exit from the Philippines more than once in a period of twelve (12) months to work overseas for the same employer may avail of a multiple travel exit clearance from the POEA The exit clearance can be used as an exit document for a period of 12 months from date of issuance.

II. Coverage

The Circular shall apply to Filipino cabin crew and flight attendants of commercial aircrafts who are joining their operational flights outside the country, off-shore and other classification of workers provided with short contract durations and frequent vacations

OFWs, cabin crew and flight attendants who have already acquired permanent resident status in their employment base shall no longer be qualified for OEC/re-receipt and e-card issuance

III. Documentary Requirements for Issuance of Multiple Travel Exit Clearance with One Year Validity

1. Valid passport
2. Valid visa
3. Proof of a current employment contract with the same employer with a validity exceeding 12 months from date of issuance of OEC

IV. Prescribed Fees

a). Php 100 00 per exit — POEA Processing Fee

b). Php 1,275 00 or (US $ 25.00) — Compulsory payment of OWWA Membership Contribution (with Insurance Coverage) (per Letter of Instruction (LOI) No 537)

Frequency of Collection:

- OWWA Membership Contribution shall be collected on a per contract basis (OWWA Omnibus Policies, Board Resolution No 038, Series of 2003)
- In cases of implied and /or written contracts with indefinite duration, the assessment shall be based on the standard contract duration applicable to the corresponding occupation groups, but in no case to exceed two (2) years (OWWA Memorandum of Instruction No. 018, Series of 2001)

c). Php 900.00 — Philhealth Premium for one year coverage (Executive Order No 392 amending Executive Order No 182 "Transferring the Medicare Functions of OWWA to the Philippine National Health Insurance Corporation, January 27, 2005)

V. Availment Procedures

- OFW availing of this privilege shall undergo evaluation of documents, assessment and payment of fees (Php 100.00 per multiple travel exit clearance (OEC)).
- Multiple travel exit clearance with one-year validity shall be issued.
- Copy of the multiple travel exit clearance shall be validated on the date of departure by the POEA Labor Assistance Center at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.
- Copies of the multiple travel exit clearance shall be submitted by the OFW to the Philippine Tourism Authority and the Ninoy Aquino International Airport to avail of the exemptions from payment of travel tax and airport terminal fee, pursuant to Section 35 R.A. 8042, Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995

This circular shall take effect immediately

(Sgd.) ROSALINDA DIMAPILIS-BALDOZ
Administrator

15 September 2005

(PDI - Sept 29 2005)

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der would be given a franchise to operate a ferry system along the Pasig River for 10 years, the first five years of which would be exclusive to allow the private group to generate sufficient returns and make the nautical route viable.

Filipino-owned Penta Capital, Atlanta Industries and some individuals control 75 percent of Nautical Transport, with the remaining 25 percent is owned by Robert Cole of Sydneyside Cruises Ltd.

Two other groups that went to yesterday's bidding at the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority were disqualified because of incomplete requirements. These were Metro Star Ferry and Mt. Samat Ferry in partnership with Propmech.

Ocean Bay Ferry Corp. and Montenegro Shipping Lines did not show up. Five companies bought the bidding documents worth P10,000.

"The successful bidding ensures that by next year, we would have a viable ferry system plying the Pasig River to provide alternative means of transportation to commuters," Bengzon said in an interview.

Bengzon's team also ensured that losing bidders won't go to court and complain.

He said during the pre-bidding, the companies were asked to sign a document waiving their right to take action, or seek a restraining order that would prevent the government from implementing the project.

"All the bidders agreed to respect the result to allow the government to smoothly implement the project," the transport official said.

This is the third attempt of the government to operate a ferry system along the polluted river covering the cities of Manila, Mandaluyong, Makati, Pasig, Taguig and Marikina.

The transportation department estimates that 28,000 commuters would use the Pasig River ferry daily once it is in operation.

The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission is building the 15 ferry stations using a $75-millon loan from the Asian Development Bank. Putting up each station costs roughly P7 million.

Bengzon said at least five terminals would be in place by February and 10 by June. Similarly, the ferry operator must have at least five vessels in operation by February and at least 10 by June.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Engagement of Implementation Advisor for the Rural Power Project (RPP)

The Development Support Services Center (DSSC) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) invites international consultant to help strengthen the capacity and effectiveness of the Project Management Office (PMO) in meeting the project objectives and implementation targets in the Philippines Rural Power Project (RPP).

The Government of the Philippines, through the Department of Energy (DOE), and with grant assistance from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), is implementing the Philippines Rural Power Project (RPP).

RPP aims to support the implementation of key reforms and priority investment to improve the quality of life in rural areas through the provision of reliable, affordable and adequate energy services in partnership with the private sector. The project involves three components, namely : (1) rural electrification; (2) partial credit guarantee fund; and (3) capacity building.

To be able to attain said objectives, the project requires the services of an international consultant as Implementation Advisor for the project.

Implementation Advisor

The primary focus of the assignment will be on the off-grid electrification component, implementation of the technical assistance/capacity building activities and project management. Specific activities include, among others : (1) provide advice on the implementation arrangements and supervise the work of the consultant preparing the study on the Sustainable Solar Market Packages (SSMP), including review of technical reports and as necessary, site visits; (2) provide advice on the implementation of business development support services and improve access to credit for photovoltaic (PV) financing and working capital; and (3) design an "electricity for rural livelihood improvement" technical assistance activity.

Interested consultants must submit their letters of interest on or before **12 NN of October 10, 2005**, to the following address :

Development Support Services Center
United Nations Development Programme
30th Floor Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza
6819 Ayala Avenue corner Senator Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City
Tel. No. (632) 901 0273 / 901 0270
Fax No. (632) 901 0200 / 889 7177
Email Address : jennette.montebon@undp.org

The letters of interests should be submitted, together with the following documents :(1) curriculum vitae (CV); (2) track record broken down into domestic and international contracts as well as on-going and completed projects, including description of similar assignments and work experience; and, (3) brief discussion detailing appreciation on the Philippines rural power sector.

Consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by Bank Borrowers*, published in January 1997, revised in September 1997, January 1999, and May 2002.

UNDP reserves the right to reject any or all the bids, waive any defect or informality therein, accept the bid and award the contract to the most advantageous offer to the UNDP, for and in behalf of the Department of Energy. UNDP assumes no responsibility to compensate or indemnify the bidder for any expense or loss that may be incurred for the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) **ETHELIND B. CAPUNO**
Manager, DSSC

(PDI--Sept. 29, 2005)

UN DP

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Engagement of the PV Verification Services for the Rural Power Project (RPP)

The Development Support Services Center (DSSC) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) invites local consulting firms to conduct field verification services for the DOE Project Management Office (PMO) in the implementation of the Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Subcomponent of the Project.

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To be able to attain said objectives, the project requires the services of a local consulting firm to perform audit / verification services of installed PV systems by participating companies.

PV Verification Services

The primary focus of the assignment is to verify the sales made by the participating companies and to confirm compliance with the project specifications and other project eligibility requirements, namely : (1) systems sold are composed of certified components; (2) systems sold were not subsidized previously; and (3) participating company provided customer training, warranty card and user information. The assignment will also involve the conduct of the survey for the same beneficiaries as the solar PV systems to establish baseline statistical data for the project.

Interested consultancy firms must submit their letters of interest on or before **12 NN of October 10, 2005**, to the following address :

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Email Address : jennette.montebon@undp.org

The letters of interests should be submitted, together with the following documents : (1) company profile, including members of governing board and list of shareholders; (2) curriculum vitae of the proposed staff for the assignment; (3) track record broken down into domestic and international contracts as well as on-going and completed projects, including description of work / assignments and contract amounts; (4) certified copies of company licenses to operate for the current year (e.g. SEC registration, DTI registration papers, mayor's permit, VAT registration, or applicable licenses in the host country); (5) company's latest audited financial reports for 2003 and 2004; (6) certificates, awards and citations (if any); and (7) inventory of existing specialized hardware and software.

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Government of the Philippines, through the Department of Land Reform (DLR) has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of Agrarian Reform Communities Project (ARCP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contracts of Rural Infrastructure Component for which this Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid is issued.

The Local Government of Janiuay, Iloilo through the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC). invites contractors registered with and classified by the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) as **"Medium A"** or higher for similar contract to apply for eligibility and if found eligible, to bid for the hereunder contract:

Name of Contract	:	Jibolo-Balanac-Aguingay-Danao-Calmay ARC Road
Location	:	Janiuay, Iloilo
Brief Description	:	Road Rehabilitation/Improvement
Approved Budget Cost	:	Php 17,563,948.60
Contract Duration	:	132 Calendar Days

Prospective bidders should possess a valid PCAB License applicable to the contract, have completed a similar contract with a value of at least 50% of the ABC, and have key personnel and equipment (listed in the Eligibility Forms) available for the prosecution of the contract. The BAC will use non-discretionary pass/fail criteria in the Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids. The BAC will conduct post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security Pre-Bidding Conference, Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

The schedule of BAC activities as follows:

BAC Activities		Schedule
1.	Receipt from prospective bidders of Letters of Intent (LOI) including Application for Eligibility	October 13-19, 2005
2.	Issuance of Eligibility Forms	October 13-19, 2005
3.	Receipt of Eligibility Requirements	October 19, 2005
4.	Notice of Results of Eligibility Check	October 22, 2005
5.	Issuance of Bid Documents	October 25-31, 2005
6.	Pre-bid Conference	October 27, 2005; 10:00 AM
7.	Receipt and Opening of Bids	November 9, 2005; 10:00 AM

The BAC will issue to prospective bidders Eligibility Forms at BAC Secretariat, Municipal Hall, Janiuay, Iloilo, upon their submission of a LOI, and upon their payment of a non-refundable amount of Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00) to the LGU of Janiuays' Cashier. Prospective bidders shall submit the Eligibility Requirements to the BAC at the said address. They may also obtain the results of the Eligibility Check by the BAC at the same address.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the following forms.

1. Cash/Certified Check/Cashier's Check/Manager's Check in the amount of one percent (1%) of ABC which is P175,639.49 and;
2. Surety Bond which is two and a half percent (2.5%) of ABC in the amount of P439,098.72 callable on demand and issued by the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) or any reputable surety insurance company and to bid posted in favor of LGU - Janiuay, Iloilo.

The BAC will issue Bidding Documents only to bidders declared by the BAC to be eligible for the bidding upon payment of a non-refundable amount of Five Thousand Pesos only (Php 5,000.00) to the LGU of Janiuay' Cashier.

The LGU of Janiuay assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of their bids.

Approved by:

(Sgd.) Engr. Carmelo M. Masado
BAC Chairman

(PDI - Sept. 29 & Oct. 6, 2005)

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Contracting of Services for
Project ID 00014499 - Capacity Building to Remove Barriers to Renewable Energy Development in the Philippines (CBRED) Project

The Development Support Services Center (DSSC) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) invites interested parties to apply for eligibility and to bid for the subcomponent of the project "UNDP-GEF-DOE Capacity Building to Remove Barriers to Renewable Energy in the Philippines (CBRED) Project (Project ID 00014499)" described below.

The Department of Energy with funding assistance from UNDP-GEF, is currently implementing the "Capacity Building to Remove Barriers on Renewable Energy Development in the Philippines" (CBRED) Project. The CBRED Project aims to remove key barriers (i.e. market, policy, technical, financial, etc.) to renewable energy (RE) development through a streamlined and rationalized program.

One of the financial barriers identified is the perceived credit and collateral risks that hinder access to credit of RE project developers. To address this barrier, the CBRED Project together with the WB GEF-DOE Rural Power Project (RPP), will establish the Loan Guarantee Fund (LGF) amounting to a total of US$2.6 million. The LGF is intended as a partial loan guarantee mechanism for RE projects, especially in remote, off-grid locations. It will be made available to RE project developers, including retail funders of small RE systems that could not meet the collateral requirements of financial institutions. The facility is intended to spur lending to RE project proponents by spreading the risks among the guarantor(s), the lender and the borrower- proponent.

To implement the LGF, the CBRED Project will need the services of a Program Manager that will be responsible for the over-all management and implementation of the loan guarantee program.

For interested parties, Bid Documents (Eligibility Requirements, Instructions to Bidders and Terms of Reference) may be secured personally, upon payment of a non-refundable amount of **PhP 3,000.00** at the following address:

Development Support Services Center
United Nations Development Programme
30th Floor Yuchengco Tower RCBC Plaza
6819 Ayala Avenue cor. Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue
Makati City 1226 Philippines
Tel. Nos. (632) 9010100 Fax Nos. (632) 9010200 / (632) 8897177

International companies are encouraged to appoint and authorize Philippine-based counterparts to secure the bidding documents and submit proposals for and in their behalf.

The abovementioned Bid Documents will be released to all interested parties starting **3 October to 19 October 2005 only**. The Bid Documents shall contain all instructions on the rules, procedures, schedules for the pre-bid conference and opening of bid envelopes, as well as the details on the scope of services required.

UNDP reserves the right to reject any or all of the bids, waive any defect or informality therein, accept the bid and award the contract to the most advantageous offer to the UNDP, for and in behalf of the Department of Energy. UNDP assumes no responsibility to compensate or indemnify the bidder for any expense or loss that may be incurred for the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) **ETHELIND B. CAPUNO**
Manager, DSSC

(PDI--Sept. 29, 2005)

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TERMS OF THE TENDER OFFER OF CLASS "A" SHARES

Bidder : Mapula Creek Gold Corporation

Subject Company : Apex Mining Co., Inc. ("Apex")

Subject Shares : 120,260,972 Class "A" Shares, equivalent to approximately 26.20% of the outstanding shares of Apex ("Shares")

Tender Offer Price : P 0.6724 per Share

Entitlement : Shareholders of Apex as of September 26, 2005

Tender Offer Period : 9:00 a.m. of September 26, 2005 to 5:00 p.m. of October 21, 2005

Extension of Tender Offer : There is no current and definite plan to extend the Tender Offer Period. However, the Bidders reserve the right to extend the Tender Offer Period

Payment Date : Within ten (10) business days from the end of the Tender Offer Period

Depository :
Union Bank of the Philippines
3rd Floor, SSS- Makati Building
Rufino St. cor. Ayala Avenue, Makati City
Attention: Mr. Moises L. Almanon, Jr.
Tel. Nos. 8938584/8920011 loc. 2352

Paying Agent :
Union Bank of the Philippines
3rd Floor, SSS- Makati Building
Rufino St. cor. Ayala Avenue, Makati City
Attention: Mr. Moises L. Almanon, Jr.
Tel. Nos. 8938584/8920011 loc. 2352

Apex Corporate Secretary :
Mr. Leonardo S. Gayao
Ground Floor, Brickville Condo.
28 N. Domingo St., New Manila, Quezon City

Application to Tender Shares : Shareholders of Apex who wish to offer all or a portion of their Shares for sale to Crew Gold should complete the Application to Tender Shares and submit the following to the Depository at Union Bank of the Philippines in the abovementioned address prior to 5:00 p.m. of October 21, 2005: (i) Duly accomplished Application to Tender Class "A" Shares; (ii) Apex stock certificates duly endorsed in blank and validated by the Apex Corporate Secretary; and (iii) if the shareholder is a corporation, a notarized Secretary's Certificate setting forth resolutions of the tendering shareholder's Board of Directors and/or shareholders (as may be necessary) authorizing the tender and sale of the Shares and designating the signatories for the purpose.

Delivery of the required documents to the Depository shall be deemed made only upon actual receipt thereof by the Depository. The Bidder reserves the right to require presentation of additional documents in respect of its determination of the validity, eligibility and acceptability of any Shares tendered pursuant to the Tender Offer.

The terms of the Application to Tender Shares shall form an integral part of these Terms of the Tender Offer.

Acceptance for Payment : At any time before 5:00 p.m. of October 21, 2005, the Bidder shall, at its sole discretion, have the right to reject or accept any Application to Tender Shares which is not completed in full or which lacks any of the required attachments. The Depository will accept the Application to Tender Shares on behalf of the Bidder on the condition that the Applicant has been certified by Apex's Corporate Secretary as a shareholder of Apex as of September 26, 2005 and that the signature/endorsement on the Apex stock certificate(s) matches the signature on file with the Apex Corporate Secretary. The Depository will rely on the signature affixed on the Application to Tender Shares and on the validated endorsement of the relevant Apex stock certificates. The Bidder and the Depository shall not be required to make further inquiries into the authenticity of the signature.

Payment for Shares : The Bidder shall be deemed to have accepted for payment all Shares validly tendered and not properly withdrawn when it give a notice of acceptance to the Depository.

Payment for the Shares so accepted will be deposited with the Paying Agent. The Paying Agent will act as agent for tendering shareholders for the purpose of receiving payments from the Bidder and transmitting payments to such tendering shareholders. Check payments to tendering registered shareholders of the Shares shall be made available by the Paying Agent for pick-up by the tendering registered shareholders within ten (10) business days from the end of the Tender Offer Period (the "Payment Date"). When collecting payment, the tendering registered shareholders shall present the "Shareholder's Copy" of the Application to Tender Shares as well as proper identification (e.g. driver's license, passport, or company I.D. with picture and signature). Duly authorized representatives shall be required to present an authorization letter from the tendering registered shareholders.

Tendering beneficial owners of Shares are advised to consult with their custodians, fiduciaries, or other similar agents in relation to the manner of collecting payment from such agents.

In any event, no payment shall be made without the Depository having timely received the duly accomplished Application to Tender Shares, the duly endorsed and validated stock certificates evidencing the Shares and other documents required therein.

Any payment not collected within thirty (30) calendar days from the Payment Date shall be dispatched, via registered mail, to the recorded address of the tendering shareholder at the risk of the latter.

Withdrawal : Tendering shareholders shall have the right to withdraw any Shares tendered at any time during the Tender Offer Period.

For a withdrawal to be effective, a written notice of withdrawal must be timely received by the Depository at Union Bank of the Philippines in the above-indicated address before 5:00 pm of October 21, 2005. The notice must specify the name of the tendering shareholder and the number of Shares to be withdrawn. If the stock certificates evidencing the Shares have been delivered to the Depository, the serial numbers shown on such certificates must be submitted to the Depository prior to the physical release of such certificates. No request for withdrawal of fractions of Shares will be considered. The Bidder shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to determine the form and validity of the notice of withdrawal, including the time of receipt thereof.

All expenses incurred by the Depository in respect of withdrawal of Shares shall be for the account of the shareholder making the withdrawal.

Expenses : Any capital gains tax, documentary stamp tax and stock certificates costs pertinent to the transfer to the Bidder of Shares purchased, shall be for the account of the tendering shareholder and shall be deducted from the payments to tendering shareholders of the Shares.

Representations and Warranties of Applicant : By accepting the Tender Offer, the Applicant is deemed to have represented and warranted to the Bidder as follows:

(i) the Shares are solely, legally and beneficially owned by it/him/her, are fully paid and non-assessable, and are free and clear of any claims, liens, encumbrances or any restrictions apart from those specified in the Articles of Incorporation of Apex; (ii) it/he/she can and has full authority to transfer good, valid and clean title to its/his/her Shares under the Tender Offer, and (iii) the Bidder will obtain full and valid title to such Shares, free from any liens, claims and encumbrances and will be able to freely and fully exercise all rights and privileges arising from ownership of such Shares, including but not limited to the right to vote and receive dividends.

Material Change : If any material change occurs in the information previously disclosed to the shareholders of Apex, the Bidder shall promptly disclose such change in a manner reasonably calculated to inform said shareholders.

SEC Form 19-1 : Copies of SEC Form 19-1 may be obtained by the shareholders of Apex, free of charge, from the following:

Union Bank of the Philippines
3rd Floor, SSS- Makati Building
Rufino St. cor. Ayala Avenue, Makati City
Attention: Mr. Moises L. Almanon, Jr.
Tel. Nos. 8938584/8920011 loc. 2352

(Sgd) **Atty. Leo Cleto A. Gamolo**
President, Mapula Creek Gold Corp

(PDI - Sept. 29, 2005)

TERMS OF THE TENDER OFFER OF CLASS "B" SHARES

Bidder : Crew Gold Corporation

Subject Company : Apex Mining Co., Inc. ("Apex")

Subject Shares : 84,486,204 Class "B" Shares, equivalent to approximately 28.57% of the outstanding shares of Apex ("Shares").

Tender Offer Price : P 0.6724 per Share

Entitlement : Shareholders of Apex as of September 26,2005

Tender Offer Period : 9:00 a.m. of September 26, 2005 to 5:00 p.m. of October 21, 2005

Extension of Tender Offer : There is no current and definite plan to extend the Tender Offer Period. However, the Bidder reserves the right to extend the Tender Offer Period.

Payment Date : Within ten (10) business days from the end of the Tender Offer Period

Depository :
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Rufino St. cor. Ayala Avenue, Makati City
Attention: Mr. Moises L. Almanon, Jr.
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(Sgd.) **Leo Cleto A. Gamolo**
Authorized representative
Crew Gold Corporation

(PDI - Sept. 29, 2005)

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BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION
MAGALLANES DRIVE, INTRAMUROS
1002 MANILA

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Bureau of Immigration (BI) is inviting interested bidders to apply for eligibility and subsequently to bid for sanitation, maintenance and janitorial work and services to be rendered at the premises of (1) the BI Main Office, Intramuros, Manila, (2) the BI Detention Center, Bicutan, Metro Manila and at (3) BI-PEZA Building, Pasay City.

Prospective bidders may obtain eligibility requirements at the BAC Secretariat, General Services Section, 3rd Floor, Bureau of Immigration Main Office, Magallanes Drive, Intramuros, Manila from **10 to 14 October 2005** during office hours. Deadline for submission of duly accomplished eligibility documents shall be on **18 October 2005.** All applicants shall be notified on the result of the eligibility screening. Only eligible bidders shall be issued the approved scope of works and other bidding documents and requirements. Submission and opening of bids shall be announced on a later date.

The Bureau of Immigration reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without offering any reason, waive any required formality and accept the offer most advantageous to the government. The Bureau of Immigration likewise assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expenses or losses that may be incurred in the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) **TEODORO B. DELARMENTE**
Associate Commissioner
Chairman, BAC (General)

(PDI - Sept. 29, Oct. 3 & 6, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Calinog

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Government of the Philippines, through the Department of Land Reform (DLR) has received a Loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Agrarian Reform Program Communities Project (ARCP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contracts of Rural Infrastructure Component for which this invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid is issued.

The Local Government of Calinog, Iloilo through the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites registered with and classified by the Philippine Contractors accreditation (PCAB) as "Medium A" or higher for similar contract to apply for eligible, to bid for the hereunder contract:

Name of Contract	:	Rehabilitation of Sitio Paradahan-Marinas Road with One (1) Lane Reinforced Concrete Bridge
Location	:	Barangay Toyugan, Calinog, Iloilo
Brief Description	:	Road Rehabilitation/Improvement
Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC)	:	Php 15,506,390.28
Contract Duration	:	176 Calendar Days

Prospective bidders should possess a valid PCAB License applicable to the contract, have completed a similar contract with a value of at least 50% of the ABC, and have key personnel and equipment (listed in the Eligibility Forms) available for the prosecution of the contract. The BAC will use non-discretionary pass/fail criteria in the Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids. The BAC will conduct post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference, Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).
The schedule of BAC activities is as follows:

BACActivities	Schedule
1. Receipt from prospective bidders of Letters of Intent (LOI) including Application for Eligibility	October 13-19, 2005
2. Issuance of Eligibility Forms	October 13-19, 2005
3. Receipt of Eligibility Requirements	October 19, 2005
4. Notice of Results of Eligibility Check	October 20, 2005
5. Issuance of Bid Documents	October 25-31, 2005
6. Pre-Bid Conference	October 27, 2005; 10:00AM
7. Receipt and Opening of Bids	November 9, 2005; 10:00AM

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The BAC will issue Bidding Documents only to bidders declared by the BAC to be eligible for the bidding upon payment of a non-refundable amount of Eight Thousand Pesos Only (Php 8,000.00) to the *LGU of Calinog's* Cashier.

The *LGU Calinog* assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expense incurred in the preparation of their bids.

Approved by:

MA. MELANIE L. HILARIO
BAC Chairman

(PDI-Sept. 29 & Oct. 6, 2005)

LETTER TO SHAREHOLDERS

24 September 2005

To All Shareholders of Apex Mining Co., Inc. ("Apex"):

Please be informed that, on 23 September 2005, Mapula Creek Gold Corporation ("Mapula Creek"), a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, and Crew Gold Corporation ("Crew Gold"), a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Yukon Territory of Canada, filed the Tender Offer Statement (SEC Form 19-1) with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with Mapula Creek's intention to acquire ONE HUNDRED TWENTY MILLION TWO HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO (120,260,972) Class "A" Shares and Crew Gold's intention to acquire EIGHTY FOUR MILLION FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FOUR (84,486,204) Class "B" Shares of Apex, the aggregate amount of which is equivalent to approximately twenty seven and 13/100 percent (27.13%) of the total outstanding capital stock of Apex, at sixty seven and 24/100 centavos (0.6724) per share, to be paid by check payment in accordance with the Terms of the Tender Offer. As of August 24, 2005, the total outstanding capital stock of Apex consists of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THREE (754,713,703) shares, divided into FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT MILLION NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTEEN (458,981,818) Class "A" Shares and TWO HUNDRED NINETY FIVE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE (295,731,885) Class "B" Shares (collectively, the "Shares").

Shareholders as at 26 September 2005 (the "Record Date") may tender all or a portion of their Shares for acceptance and purchase by Mapula Creek or Crew Gold, subject to the Terms of the Tender Offer, beginning at 9:00 a.m. of 26 September 2005 until 5:00 p.m. of 21 October 2005 (the "Tender Offer Period").

Tendering shareholders should obtain a copy of the Application to Tender Class "A" Shares/Class "B" Shares and secure validation of their stock certificates by Apex's Corporate Secretary, Mr. Leonardo S. Gayao, at Ground Floor, Brickville Condominium, 28 N. Domingo Street, New Manila, Quezon City. Thereafter, the shareholders should accomplish and submit the Application to Tender Class "A" Shares/Class "B" Shares in duplicate, together with other requirements set forth therein, and tender their corresponding stock certificates to Union Bank of the Philippines (the "Depository") at [3rd Floor SSS Makati Building, Ayala Avenue, corner Rufino Street, [Attention Moises L. Almanon, Jr. with tel. nos. 8938584/8920011 loc 2353).

At any time before 5:00 p.m. of 21 October 2005, Mapula Creek or Crew Gold shall, at its sole discretion, have the right to reject or accept any Application to Tender Shares which is not completed in full or which lacks any of the required attachments. The Depository will accept the Application to Tender Shares on behalf of Mapula Creek or Crew Gold on the condition that the Applicant has been certified by Apex's Corporate Secretary as a shareholder of Apex as of 26 September 2005 and that the signature/endorsement on the Apex stock certificate(s) matches the signature on file with the Apex Corporate Secretary.

Mapula Creek or Crew Gold shall be deemed to have accepted for payment all Shares validly tendered and not properly withdrawn when it gives a notice of acceptance to the Depository.

Payment for the Shares so accepted is deposited with the Union Bank of the Philippines (the "Paying Agent"). Check payments to tendering registered shareholders of the Shares shall be made available by the Paying Agent for pick-up by the tendering registered shareholders within ten (10) business days from the end of the Tender Offer Period (the "Payment Date").

Tendering beneficial owners of the Shares are advised to consult with their custodians, fiduciaries, or other similar agents in relation to the manner of collecting payment from such agents.

In any event, no payment shall be made without the Depository having timely received the duly accomplished Application to Tender Shares, the duly endorsed and validated stock certificates evidencing the Shares and other documents required therein.

Any payment not collected within thirty (30) calendar days from the Payment Date shall be dispatched, via registered mail, to the recorded address of the tendering shareholder at the risk of the latter.

Tendering shareholders shall have the right to withdraw any tendered Share(s) at any time during the Tender Offer Period. For a withdrawal to be effective, a written notice of withdrawal must be received by the Depository before 5:00 p.m. of 21 October 2005.

The Tender Offer is further subject to the terms and conditions described in the Terms of the Tender Offer. Copies of SEC Form 19-1, the Terms of the Tender Offer and the Application to Tender Shares, may be obtained by the shareholders of Apex, free of charge, from the following:

Union Bank of the Philippines
3rd Floor SSS Makati Building
Ayala Ave. cor. Rufino Street
Makati City

Attention: Moises L. Almanon, Jr.
8938584/8920011 loc. 2352

Mapula Creek and Crew Gold confirm that sufficient resources are available to satisfy full acceptance of the offer to tender the Shares.

NOTE: YOU MAY CONSULT YOUR LEGAL AND/OR FINANCIAL ADVISER OR DIRECT YOUR INQUIRIES OR REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION TO THE DEPOSITORY.

(Sgd.) **Atty. Leo Cleto A. Gamolo**
As President of Mapula Creek Gold Corporation
And
As the Authorized Representative of
Crew Gold Corporation

(PDI - Sept. 24 & 29, 2005)

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT of the estate of Pedro G. Matias and Salud S. Matias has been executed by their children under Doc.306 ; Page 63 ; Book 11 Series of 2004 dated 26 July 2004 of Notary Public Victor P. [illegible] of [illegible] Quezon (PDI Sept. 22 - 29 Oct. 6 13)

Notice is hereby given that the heirs of the late spouses
LEON C. VINOYA
and
RUFINA B. DELA CRUZ
executed an extrajudicial settlement and partition and Special Power of Attorney for PCI Bank Stock Certificates No.1551, 1549 and 1550 issued on November 14, 1983 and PCI Bank Certificates No. 2689, 2688 and 2690 issued on July 4, 1984 on September 5, 2005 as per Doc. No. 314 Page No.63 Book No. 6 Series of 2005 of Notary Public Richard L. Anolin of City of Manila
(PDI Sept. 15, 22 & 29, 2005)

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late JUAN B. CRUZ JR. has been extrajudicially settled by his heirs as per Doc. No. 147, Page No. 31, Book No. 39A, Series of 2004 before Notary Public Lope M. Velasco of Makati City.
(PDI- Sept. 29, Oct. 6 & 13, 2005)

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DENR Compound Visayas Ave.
Diliman, Quezon City
Tel. No. 9286760 / 9286765 / 9286837

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND BID

The Natural Resources Mining Development Corporation is inviting all interested suppliers to apply and submit sealed bids for the supply and delivery of the following:

	Approved Budget
One unit of Diesel Electric Generator set - 400 to 520kW (500 to 650kVA) prime; 440v @ 1800rpm 3ph 60Hz	PHP 3,900,000.00
One Unit of Electric Driven Air Compressor - Portable; 900 to 1,000cfm; 100 to 130psig; air cooled; 440v 3ph 60Hz oil injected; rotary screw; suitable for underground	3,000,000.00
One unit of Single Boom Jumbo Drill Mining Equipment For tunnel size approximately 3m x 3m; Engine: 6 cylinder diesel engine w/ a 121kw or 165Hp @ 2500rpm; air cooled w/ a two stage combustion system; individual cylinder & cylinder head assemblies; compact design; brand new or rebuilt, guaranteed A-1 running condition	22,000,000.00
One unit of Load, Haul and Dump Mining Equipment For tunnel size approximately 3m x 3m; Approximate hauling payload 2 to 3 tonnes Engine: 6 cylinder diesel engine w/ a 121kw or 165Hp @ 2500rpm; air cooled w/ a two stage combustion system; individual cylinder & cylinder head assemblies; compact design; brand new or rebuilt, guaranteed A-1 running condition	18,000,000.00
One unit of Low Profile Truck Mining Equipment For tunnel size approximately 3m x 3m; Approximate hauling payload 8 to 10 tonnes Engine: 6 cylinder diesel engine w/ a 121kw or 165Hp @ 2500rpm; air cooled w/ a two stage combustion system; individual cylinder & cylinder head assemblies; compact design; brand new or rebuilt, guaranteed A-1 running condition	20,200,000.00

CIF Brgy. Diwalwal, Monkayo, Compostela Valley

Eligibility forms and bidding documents shall be available for issuance at the above address c/o Lino M. Casilla starting September 29, 2005, from 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P1,000.00 per bid documents.

Applications for eligibility and sealed bids shall be submitted to and registered with the NRMDC Purchasing Unit, at the above address not later than 2:00 p.m. (Purchasing Unit Wall Clock time) on the following dates:

EQUIPMENT	DATE
AIR COMPRESSOR	October 17, 2005
GENSET	October 18, 2005
SINGLE BOOM JUMBO DRILL / LHD / LPT	November 15, 2005

Public opening of bids shall follow immediately thereafter. Late bids shall not be accepted.

Prospective bidders shall signify conformance to the bidding terms and conditions, as required, and shall ensure the same through proper submission/execution. Source of funding is from Internal Cash Generation of NRMDC. All bids should be within the Approved Budget for the Contract in order to qualify.

Natural Resources Mining Development Corporation reserves the right to annul the bidding process, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in the bids received and to accept such bid which is most advantageous to NRMDC without thereby incurring liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the ground(s) for NRMDC's action.

(Sgd.) ZENAIDA A. ALFONSO
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI-Sept. 29 & Oct. 6, 2005)

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National Power Corporation

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

NPC-MMSD 2005-023

1. The NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION (NPC), through its approved Corporate Budget of CY 2005 intends to apply the sum of (Please see Item no. 9) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract listed below. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.
2. NPC now invites Bids from eligible Bidders for GOODS listed below. Delivery of the GOODS are required by the date indicated in the bid documents. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184) otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183) and subject to Commonwealth Act 138 (C.A. 138). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB. The bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine responsiveness of the bid to technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during the post-qualification procedure.
4. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from NPC and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday. Issuance of Bidding Documents shall start on September 28, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. No Bid Documents shall be issued on the date of bidding.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee in the amount listed below. The method of payment will be cash. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.
6. NPC will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on dates listed below at the designated NPC function rooms.
7. Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address as listed in the Bid Documents on or before the dates stated below. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in the form as stated in the Bid Documents. Late Bids shall not be accepted.
8. Bid opening shall be on the dates specified hereunder at the designated NPC function rooms. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders representatives who choose to attend at the address below.
9. ITEMS FOR BID

Schedule	Date/Time & Place of Bidding	Item Description	PR No./Inquiry No.	ABC (In Pesos)	Bid Docs Price
I	Oct. 25, 2005 10:00 AM Kañao Room	Lube Oil for Bantayan DPP & Power Barge 113	PB051025-MMER3516 HO-BBD-05-0017 HO-B13-05-0015	2,178,000.00	P1,000.00
II		Rental of 2MW generating sets for Marinduque Island	PB051025-MMVB3607 HO-MNQ-05-0045	3,500,000.00	P1,000.00
III		Repair Kits, Filter Element, Bearing, etc. for Marinawa Diesel Power Plant	PB041110-MMAD1982(PB2) SL-MCD040052/53/54/55	1,177,750.00	P 500.00
IV	Oct. 25, 2005 2:00 PM Kañao Room	Engine Set Model, 3012TAG2 *Perkins or equivalent for Torrijos DPP	PB050705-MMAM2986(PB3) SL-TOR-05-0027	4,000,000.00	P1,000.00
V		Diesel Genset, Dale Perkins, 3012TAG2A for PB 113 & 116	PB051025-MMJP3608 HO-WVO-05-002	10,000,000.00	P2,000.00

NOTE: A Pre-bidding Conference will be held for the following bidding schedules:

Schedule	Date	Time	Place
Schedule I - V	Oct. 11, 2005	2:00 PM	Kañao Function Room

10. NPC reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

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THE BAC, MMSD - SECRETARIAT
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Materials Management Services Division
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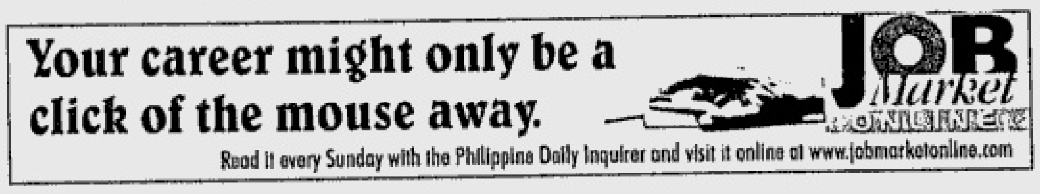
(Sgd.) LORENZO S. MARCELO
Chairman, BAC-MMSD

(PDI - Sept. 29 & Oct. 5, 2005)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OTHER POSITIONS

Ref. No.	Position
B-0149	– Mechanical Design Engineer
B-0150	– Inspection Engineer
B-0151	– Mechanical Construction Engineer
B-0152	– Mechanical Draftsman
HRC-0175	– Senior Support Engineer (I/C)
HRC-0207	– Structural Draftsman
HRC-0245	– Senior Structural Engineer
HRC-0246	– Senior Quantity Surveyor / Contract Administrator
HRC-0248	– Mechanical Construction Supervisor
HRC-0253	– QC Inspector - Blasting/Painting
HRC-0254	– Scaffolding Supervisor
HRC-0257	– Project Cost & Estimation Engineer
HRC-0260	– Project Procurement Manager
HRC-0265	– Central Procurement Manager
HRC-0266	– Senior Drilling Engineer
HRC-0268	– Risk & Reliability Engineer
HRC-0658	– Systems Development Engineer (MIS)
HRC-0244	– Loss Prevention Officer - OFFSHORE
HRC-0273	– Senior Piping Draftsman
HRC-0152	– Operator (Utilities & Offsite)
K-0868	– Fire & Safety Engineer
K-0883	– Safety Engineer
K-0909	– Environment Engineer
K-0915	– Senior Stress & Support Engineer
K-0942	– Control Systems Engineer
Q-0212	– LNG Process Engineer
Q-0229	– Analyser Technician
UAE-0234	– Mechanical Technician
UAE-0260	– Project HSE & QA Manager
UAE-0261	– Project Construction Engineer
UAE-0340	– Senior Mechanical Technician
UAE-0341	– Senior Electrical Technician
UAE-0346	– Electromechanical Technician
UAE-0357	– Sales Attendant (Male Gasoline Attendant)
UAE-0358	– C-Store Attendant (Convenient Store)
UAE-0381	– Instrumentation & Control Engineer
UAE-0384	– Mechanical/Piping Engineer
UAE-0398	– HSE Officer
UAE-0406	– Petroleum Engineer
UAE-0417	Marine Engineering & Maintenance – Assistant Manager
UAE-0423	– Execution HSE Engineer
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Applications should be emailed to wkelson@lxmlmine.com
by 30th September, 2005.

For further information on our company, please visit our website at www.oxiana.com.au.

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It comes at a time when Filipinos are tired and weary of endless talk, promises and political debate and probably, have come to realize that the future, after all is in their hands. The private sector, where most PMAP member companies belong is a major engine of growth- and people managers have a crucial role to play in shaping the will and agenda for delivering results through purposeful action. People managers and HR practitioners therefore are important contributors to creating organizations that are results-oriented, high-performing, and globally competitive.

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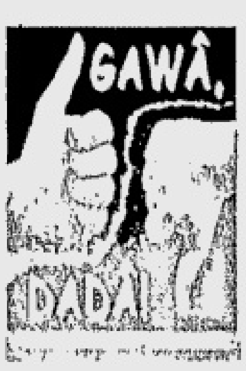

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INVITATION TO BID

The Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation ("*PSALM*") Privatization, Bids and Awards Committee ("*Committee*") invites interested parties to participate in and bid for the the privatization of the following:

360 MW Magat Hydroelectric Power Plant located at Ramon, Isabela

(the "*Asset*"). The Asset is being privatized on an "*as is where is*" basis.

Interested parties are required to submit a Letter of Interest ("*LOI*") to PSALM which shall state the full name, address, telephone and fax number of the interested party, name of the principal contact, signed by an authorized representative, and with the latest audited financial statement attached to the submission. All LOIs must be received by PSALM at the PSALM Office, 2nd Floor, SGV II Building, Ayala Avenue, Makati City, not later than 5:00 p.m. on October 14, 2005 (the "*LOI Submission Deadline*"). Only interested parties that submit an LOI by the LOI Submission Deadline shall be allowed to participate further in the privatization of the Asset.

As a prerequisite to the receipt of the Bidding Package, interested parties shall execute a Confidentiality Agreement and an Undertaking pursuant to Section 78 of RA 9136, in the forms provided by PSALM, and pay a non-refundable fee in the amount of one thousand U.S. Dollars (U.S. $ 1,000.00) (the "*Participation Fee*"). The Participation Fee shall either be in cash, manager's check or cashier's check. All bank charges, if any, shall be for the account of the interested party. The Confidentiality Agreement, Undertaking and Participation Fee must be received by PSALM on or before 5:00 p.m. on October 18,, 2005 to entitle an interested party further participation in the privatization of the Asset.

The Bidding Package, which includes the bidding procedures, shall be issued during office hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) from October 17, 2005 until October 20, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. (the "*Deadline*") at the PSALM Office. In accordance with the bidding procedures, only interested parties who have been issued the Bidding Package by the Deadline or a consortium which includes an interested party will be allowed to participate further in the privatization of the Asset.

The schedule of the bidding activities shall be as follows:

Due Diligence		October 10 - December 12, 2005
Pre-bid Conference	:	October 25, 2005, 2:00 p.m. at the PSALM Office
Deadline for Receipt of Bids by PSALM	:	To be announced to interested bidders at a later date by PSALM

References to dates and times shall be based on Manila time. Should any of the above dates fall on a holiday, the deadline shall be extended to the same time of the immediately succeeding business day in Makati City

Interested parties will be required to post a bid security equivalent to six million U.S. Dollars (US$ 6,000,000) in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit, confirmed by a local bank and acceptable to the Committee. The bid security of the winning bidder shall be substituted by a performance security to guarantee prompt, faithful and complete performance of its obligations under the transaction. A two-envelope bidding system will be adopted. Further details on the privatization of the Asset are contained in the Bidding Package.

Letters of Interest, Confidentiality Agreements and Undertakings shall be addressed and submitted to: The Chairman, Privatization, Bids and Awards Committee, PSALM Corporation, 2nd Floor, SGV II Building, Ayala Avenue, Makati City, Philippines. Inquiries and clarifications shall be addressed to Mr. Froilan A. Tampinco at the PSALM Office or at telephone number (632) 893-8202 loc. 202 or 206, telefax number (632) 840-3896 or e-mail address fatampinco@psalm.gov.ph.

The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any interested party or bidder or proposals or bids therefrom, or any part thereof, and/or to waive any defects contained therein and accept the offer most advantageous to the Government, without offering any reason whatsoever. It does not assume any obligation to compensate or indemnify parties for any expense or loss that they may incur as a result of their participation in the privatization process, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made. Interested parties and bidders are required to comply with Philippine law at all times. Finally, it reserves the right to modify, supplement, or change the Bidding Procedures and other aspects of the privatization process at any time, including the schedule and the venue provided herein, for any reason whatsoever and without giving prior notice. Interested parties and/or bidders will be notified subsequently of such modifications, supplements, or changes.

(Sgd.) **RAPHAEL P.M. LOTILLA**
PSALM Privatization, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI--Sept. 28, 29 & 30, 2005)

Manila Memorial Park
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(632) 815-1875 or 90
(632) 893-8374 to 77

OBITUARIES

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Funeral Home and Crematory
845-2334 to 38; 845-2440

DRA. VIRGINIA A. ZORETA

Was peacefully called Home by the Lord on September 27, 2005 at the age of 61.

She shall be missed by her husband, **Atty. Melanio L. Zoreta**, her children, **Eric**, **Lizette** and **Jem**, her brother, **Ruben**, sisters-in-law **Gie** and **Panchang**, relatives and friends.

Her remains lie in state at the Arlington East, 1354 C. Raymundo Ave., Pasig City.

Interment will be on Saturday, October 1, 2005 at 9:00 a.m., at Heaven's Gate 1, Antipolo City, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Arlington.

"For God
so loved
the world,
that He
gave His
only
begotten
Son, that
whoever
believes in
Him shall
not perish
but have
everlasting
life."

John 3:16

Egmidio Fabian Pilapil

05 August 1935 – 29 September 2004

In loving memory of the blessed day
our Heavenly Father welcomed Daddy home,
masses will be offered today in the following churches:

Parish of St. Michael the Archangel (Bacoor, Cavite)	6:00 am
Our Lady of Peace & Good Voyage Parish (San Carlos City, Negros Occidental)	6:00 am
National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (Posadas Village, Muntinlupa City)	6:15 am
Our Lady of Fatima Parish (Philamlife Village, Las Piñas City)	6:30 am
Convent of the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters (Pink Sisters, Tagaytay City)	6:30 am
National Shrine of Our Mother of Perpetual Help (Baclaran, Parañaque City)	6:45 am
Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (Manila Cathedral, Intramuros)	7:30 am
St. Francis Xavier Parish (Gov. Generoso, Davao Oriental)	5:00 pm
National Shrine of St. Michael & the Archangels (Gen. Solano, Manila)	6:00 pm
Shrine of Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life (Reclamation Area, Pasay City)	6:30 pm
National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother (The Grotto, Portland, Oregon)	
St. James Cathedral (Seattle, Washington)	

The family requests the pious reader to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

In Loving Memory

on the **19th Death Anniversary** of

Luisa Carreon Daez
Vda. de Fortunato Villaluz

who died on September 30, 1986

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration tomorrow, Friday, September 30th at the following churches:

Christ the King	E. Rodriguez Sr. Blvd., Q.C.	6:30 AM
Espiritu Santo Parish	Rizal Avenue, Manila	7:00 AM
Hearts of Jesus & Mary	West Triangle Homes, Q.C.	6:30 AM
Immaculate Conception Basilica	Malolos, Bulacan	5:30 AM; 6:00 AM; 7:00 AM; 6:00 PM
Immaculate Concepcion Parish	Cubao, Quezon City	6:00 AM
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish	Mahinhin St., UP Vill., Dil. Q.C.	6:30 AM
Ina ng Buhay Parish	Novaliches, Q.C.	6:30 AM
Minor Basilica of the Black Nazarene	Quiapo, Manila	6:00 AM
National Shrine of Most Holy Rosary	Sto. Domingo Church, Q.C.	5:45 AM
National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes	Kanlaon cor. Retiro, Q.C.	7:30 AM
Our Lady of Loreto Parish	Bustillos, Sampaloc, Manila	7:30 AM
Our Lady of Mercy Parish	Novaliches, Q.C.	6:00 AM
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish	New Manila, Q.C.	7:00 AM
Our Lady of the Abandoned Parish	Marikina City	6:15 AM
Our Lady of the Anunciation	Mindanao Ave., Q.C.	6:00 AM
Parish of San Bartolome	Novaliches, Q.C.	6:00 AM
Parish of the Holy Sacrifice	UP Diliman, Q.C.	6:00 AM
Parish of St. Francis of Assisi	Meycauayan, Bulacan	7:00 AM
Parish of St. Lawrence	Balagtas, Bulacan	6:00 AM
Parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe	Pagsanjan, Laguna	5:00 PM
Sacred Heart Parish	Kamuning, Q.C.	6:00 AM
San Agnes Parish	Almar Subd., Caramin, Kalookan	7:00 PM
San Agustin Parish	Intramuros, Manila	6:30 AM
San Isidro & San Roque Parish	Malhacan, Meyc., Bulacan	6:00 AM
San Luis Obispo	Lucban, Quezon	6:00 AM
San Roque de Manila Parish	Blumentritt, Sta. Cruz	7:00 AM
San Sebastian Parish	Quiapo, Manila	6:00 AM
Shrine of St. Michael & The Archangels	San Miguel, Manila	7:00 AM
Santissimo Rosario Parish	UST, Sampaloc, Manila	6:15 AM
St. Andrew Parish	La Huerta, P'que City	6:15 AM
St. James the Apostle Parish	Plaridel, Bulacan	6:00 AM
St. John Mary Vianney Parish Church	Marcos Hi-way, Antipolo	6:00 AM
St. Jude Archdiocesan Shrine	San Miguel, Manila	6:00 AM
St. Paul the Apostle Parish	Timog Ave., Q.C.	7:00 AM
St. Anthony's Shrine	Sampaloc, Manila	6:15 AM
St. Joseph Shrine	Aurora Blvd., Proj. 3, Q.C.	7:45 AM
Sta. Cruz Church	Sta. Cruz, Manila	6:15 AM
Sta. Maria Della Strada	Katipunan, Q.C.	6:00 AM
Sto. Niño Parish	Sto. Niño, Meyc., Bulacan	6:00 AM
St. Andrew Church	Daly City, CA. USA	9:00 AM
Veterans Memorial Medical Center Chapel	North Ave., Proj. 6, Q.C.	12 NN

The **MANILA JOCKEY CLUB, INC.**
Board of Directors, Executive Officers, Staff & Employees
extend their condolences to the family of

CELSO ARAGON MODINA

VICE PRESIDENT for FINANCE

Who joined his Creator on September 26, 2005 at the age of 64.
(September 25, 1941 – September 26, 2005)

His loving wife **RICKY**, children **RICK & TESS** Modina, **TESS & NOLI** Vinluan, Grandchildren **ERIKA** and **THEA**, brothers, sisters, relatives, friends and officemates request the pious readers to pray for his eternal happiness in heaven.

His remains lie in state at Baltazar Chapel, La Funeraria Paz-Sucat (inside Manila Memorial Park) Sucat, Parañaque City.

Necrological services will be held tomorrow, Friday, September 30, 2005 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Interment will be on Saturday, October 1, 2005 at the Manila Memorial Park Sucat, Parañaque City after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

WE DESIGN OBITUARY FOR FREE.

ERRATUM

In the obituary advertisement of PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING INC. printed in this paper on September 28, 2005, the name of **KATHERINE R. RODRIGUEZ, "JoJo"** was inadvertently printed as **"Jo-Jo"**.

Our apologies.

An obituary with a picturecan be a fitting tribute to your departed loved one.

Always caring...
INQUIRER OBITUARIES

OBITUARY REQUIREMENTS:
❶ Copy of Death Certificate;
❷ Any identification document (I.D.)

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT • MESSAGE OF THANKS •
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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
SEC Building, EDSA, Greenhills, Mandaluyong City

SEC MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 6
Series of 2005

CONSOLIDATED SCALE OF FINES

The Commission resolved to approve the following revised administrative penalties for each specified violation of the Securities Regulation Code (SRC) and its Amended Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), Investment Company Act (ICA) and ICA Rule 35-1, Pre-Need Rules, and the Financing Company Act and its Implementing Rules:

SRC/IRR Provisions	Description	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
Sections 8 and 12; SRC Rules 8 & 12	SELLING OR OFFERING FOR SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF SECURITIES TO THE PUBLIC WITHOUT PRIOR REGISTRATION OR PERMIT TO SELL	1% of the amount of each transaction or P10,000 per transaction, whichever is higher.	2% of the amount of each transaction or P20,000 per transaction, whichever is higher.	6% of the amount of each transaction or P60,000 per transaction, whichever is higher.
Section 10; SRC Rule 10.1	LATE FILING OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO SRC RULE 10.1 (k & l)	P2,000 plus P100 per day of delay *For listed companies:* P10,000 plus P100 per day of delay	P4,000 plus P200 per day of delay P20,000 plus P200 per day of delay	P12,000 plus P600 per day of delay P60,000 plus P600 per day of delay
	NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SRC RULE 10.1	P10,000 plus P100 per day of delay	P20,000 plus P200 per day of delay	P60,000 plus P600 per day of delay
Section 14; SRC Rule 14	FAILURE TO AMEND REGISTRATION STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SRC RULE 14 *Change in the Qualitative Terms and Conditions of the Securities including work program or use of proceeds*	P10,000 plus P100 per day of delay	P20,000 plus P200 per day of delay	P60,000 plus P600 per day of delay
Section 14; SRC Rule 14	Increase in the number of shares or offering price per share (in excess of the price range, if any)	1% of the amount of each sale in excess of the authorized shares or price, or P10,000 per transaction, whichever is higher, plus P100 per day of delay of the filing of the amendment	2% of the amount of each sale in excess of the authorized shares or price, or P20,000 per transaction, whichever is higher, plus P200 per day of delay of the filing of the amendment	6% of the amount of each sale in excess of the authorized shares or price, or P60,000 per transaction, whichever is higher, plus P600 per day of delay of the filing of the amendment
	FAILURE TO TIMELY PUBLISH THE NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS	P10,000 plus P100 per day of delay	P20,000 plus P200 per day of delay	P60,000 plus P600 per day of delay
	FAILURE TO REFUND INVESTMENT (In case of derogation of rights of purchasers due to the amendments)	5% of the amount of the unrefunded investment plus P100 per day of delay of the refund	15% of the amount of the unrefunded amount plus P200 per day of delay of the refund	30% of the amount of the unrefunded amount plus P600 per day of delay of the refund
Section 17.1; SRC Rule 17.1	LATE FILING OF CURRENT REPORT (SEC FORM 17-C)	Reprimand/ Warning	P30,000 plus P200 per day of delay	P40,000 plus P400 per day of delay
	INCOMPLETE CURRENT REPORT (SEC FORM 17-C) This shall be in addition to the penalty for late filing of the report per due date under the Rules	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000 plus P200 per day of delay of filing the amended report	P20,000 plus P400 per day of delay of filing the amended report
	LATE FILING OF QUARTERLY REPORT (SEC FORM 17-Q)	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P300 per day of delay	P60,000 plus P600 per day of delay
	INCOMPLETE QUARTERLY REPORT (SEC FORM 17-Q) This shall be in addition to the penalty for late filing of the report per due date under the Rules	Reprimand/ Warning	P20,000 plus P300 per day of delay of filing the amended report	P40,000 plus P600 per day of delay of filing the amended report
Section 17.1; SRC Rule 17.1	LATE FILING OF ANNUAL REPORT (SEC FORM 17-A)	Reprimand/ Warning	P100,000 plus P500 per day of delay	P200,000 plus P1,000 per day of delay
	INCOMPLETE ANNUAL REPORT (SEC FORM 17-A) This shall be in addition to the penalty for late filing of the report per due date under the Rules.	Reprimand/ Warning	P30,000 plus P500 per day of delay of filing the amended report	P60,000 plus P1,000 per day of delay of filing the amended report
	LATE FILING OF THE NOTICE OF SUSPENSION TO FILE REPORTS (SEC FORM 17-EX)	P10,000 plus P100 per day of delay	P20,000 plus P200 per day of delay	P50,000 plus P600 per day of delay
	LATE FILING OF MONTHLY REPORT ON EXEMPT COMMERCIAL PAPERS	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000 plus P100 per day of delay	P20,000 plus P200 per day of delay
	LATE FILING OF QUARTERLY REPORT ON EXEMPT COMMERCIAL PAPERS	Reprimand/ Warning	P20,000 plus P100 per day of delay	P40,000 plus P200 per day of delay
	LATE FILING OF ANNUAL INFORMATION STATEMENT ON COMMERCIAL PAPERS AND/OR PAYMENT OF ANNUAL EXEMPTIO FEE	Reprimand/ Warning	P20,000 plus P200 per day of delay	P40,000 plus P400 per day of delay
Section 18; SRC Rule 18	LATE FILING OF REPORTS BY 5% OR MORE HOLDERS OF EQUITY SECURITIES (SECFORM18-A/18-AS)	Reprimand/ Warning	1% of the amount of each purchase or disposition, or P10,000 per transaction, whichever is higher plus P100 per day of delay	2% of the amount of each transaction or P20,000 per transaction, whichever is higher plus P200 per day of delay.
	INCOMPLETE REPORTS BY 5% OR MORE HOLDERS OF EQUITY SECURITIES (SECFORM18-A/18-AS) This shall be in addition to the penalty for late filing of the report per due date under the Rules	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000 plus P300 per day of delay of the submission of the amended report	P20,000 plus P600 per day of delay of the submission of the amended report
Section 19.1, SRC Rule 19.1	LATE FILING OF TENDER OFFER REPORT (SEC FORM 19-1)	P50,000 plus P500 per day of delay of filing the report	P100,000 plus P1,000 per day of delay of filing the report	P200,000 plus P2,000 per day of delay of filing the report
	INCOMPLETE TENDER OFFER REPORT (SEC FORM 19-1) This shall be in addition to the penalty for late filing of the report per due date under the Rules	P30,000 plus P500 per day of delay of filing the amended report	P60,000 plus P1,000 per day of delay of filing the amended report	P120,000 plus P2,000 per day of delay of filing the amended report
	FAILURE TO CONDUCT A TENDER OFFER (Pursuant to SRC Rule 19.1	P100,000 or .01% of the aggregate amount of the tender offer, whichever is higher plus P500 per day of delay	P200,000 or .02% of the aggregate amount of the tender offer, whichever is higher plus P1,000 per day of delay	P500,000 or .06% of the aggregate amount of the tender offer, whichever is higher plus P2,000 per day of delay
	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF SRC RULE 19-1	P50,000 plus P500 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P1,000 per day of continuing violation	P200,000 plus P2,000 per day of continuing violation
Section 20 (in relation with 17.1(b)), SRC Rule 20	LATE FILING OF INFORMATION STATEMENT (SEC FORM 20-IS)	Reprimand/ Warning	P100,000 plus P500 per day of delay	P200,000 plus P1,000 per day of delay
	INCOMPLETE INFORMATION STATEMENT (SEC FORM 20-IS)	Reprimand/ Warning	P30,000 plus P500 per day of delay of filing the amended report	P60,000 plus P1,000 per day of delay of filing the amended report
	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE OTHER PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS OF SRC RULE 20	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P500 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P1,000 per day of continuing violation
Section 23, SRC Rule 23	LATE FILING OF STATEMENT OF BENEFICIALOWNERSHIP (SEC FORM 23-A/B)	Reprimand/ Warning	1% of the amount of each purchase or disposition, or P10,000 per transaction, whichever is higher plus P100 per day of delay	2% of the amount of each transaction or P20,000 per transaction, whichever is higher plus P200 per day of delay
	INCOMPLETE STATEMENT OF BENEFICIALOWNERSHIP (SEC FORM 23-A/B) This shall be in addition to the penalty for late filing of the report per due date under the Rules	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000 plus P100 per day of delay of the submission of the amended report	P20,000 plus P200 per day of delay of the submission of the amended report
	FOR DIRECTORS / OFFICERS			
	Qualifying or not more than shares (100) shares	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000 plus P100 per day of delay of the submission of the report	P20,000 plus P200 per day of delay of the submission of the report
	More than 100 shares but less than 5% of the outstanding equity security	Reprimand/ Warning	P20,000 plus P100 per day of delay	P40,000 plus P200 per day of delay
	More than 5% but less than 10%	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000 plus P100 per day of delay	P20,000 plus P200 per day of delay
Section 38; SRC Rule 38	FAILURE TO ELECT INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR(S) Or ELECTION OF AN UNQUALIFIED INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR	Reprimand/ Warning	100,000 plus P500 per day of continuing violation	P150,000 plus P1,000 per day of continuing violation
Section 54	MISREPRESENTATION OR MISLEADING STATEMENTS IN ANY FILINGS REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION (This is in addition to the penalty on the principal report, if any)	P100,000 plus P500 per day of continuing violation	P200,000 plus P1,000 per day of continuing violation	P400,000 plus P2,000 per day of continuing violation
	Failure to submit any of the certifications on corporate governance which were represented to be submitted	Reprimand/ Warning	25,000 plus P500 per day of violation	P50,000 plus P1,000 per day of violation
	Any misrepresentation in the submitted Manual on Corporate Governance	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P500 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P1,000 per day of continuing violation
Section 58	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SRC RULE 68 Or INCOMPLETE DISCLOSURE IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (This is in addition to the penalty on the late or incomplete filing of the annual report)	25,000 plus P500 per day of violation	P50,000 plus P1,000 per day of violation	P100,000 plus P1,000 per day of violation
	MATERIAL MISSTATEMENTS IN THE FINANCIAL REPORT	P50,000 or 1/10 of 1% of the amount of misstatement, whichever is higher, plus P500 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 or 1/10 of 2% of the amount of misstatement, whichever is higher, plus P1,000 per day of continuing violation	P200,000 or 1/10 of 6% of the amount of misstatement, whichever is higher, plus P2,000 per day of continuing violation

SRC and IRR provisions on Exchange, Brokers and Dealers, Other Selling Persons

SRC/IRR Provisions	Description	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
SRC Rule 24.1 (b)-1	MANIPULATIVE PRACTICES	BD - P100,000.00 AP/S- P50,000.00	P150,000.00 P 75,000.00	P 200,000.00 P100,000.00
SRC Rule 24.1 (d) – 1	ADVERTISEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE PUBLIC	Reprimand/ Warning	BD - P100,000.00 AP/S- P50,000.00	P150,000.00 P 75,000.00
SRC Rule 24.1 (d) – 2	PUBLICATION OF TRANSACTIONS AND QUOTATIONS	Reprimand/ Warning	BD - P100,000.00 AP/S- P50,000.00	P150,000.00 P 75,000.00
SRC Rule 24.1 (d) – 3	PAYMENT TO INFLUENCE MARKET PRICES	BD - P100,000.00 AP/S- P50,000.00	P150,000.00 P 75,000.00	P 200,000.00 P100,000.00
SRC Rule 24.2-3	PROHIBITION ON GUARANTEES AGAINST LOSS	Reprimand/ Warning	BD - P100,000.00 AP/S- P50,000.00	P150,000.00 P 75,000.00
Section 25	VIOLATION OF REGULATION OF OPTION TRADING	P50,000.00	P75,000.00	P100,000.00
Section 26	FRAUDULENT TRANSACTIONS	BD - P100,000.00 AP/S- P50,000.00	P150,000.00 P 75,000.00	P 200,000.00 P100,000.00
SRC Rule 26.3 – 1	USE OF INFORMATION OBTAINED IN FIDUCIARY CAPACITY	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000.00	P75,000.00
SRC Rule 26.3 – 2(b)	PROHIBITED REPRESENTATIONS	P50,000.00	P75,000.00	P100,000.00
Section 27	INSIDER'S TRADING	BD - P100,000.00 AP/S- P50,000.00	P150,000.00 P 75,000.00	P 200,000.00 P100,000.00
Section 28.1	FAILURE TO REGISTER AS BROKERS, DEALERS OF EQUITY SECURITIES PROPRIETARY SHARES	Reprimand/ Warning	P100,000.00 P50,000.00	N/A N/A
SRC Rule 28.1-1(E)(vi)	FAILURE TO REGISTER BRANCH OFFICE	10,000.00 P100/day of delay	25,000.00 P100/day of delay	50,000.00 P100/day of delay
SRC Rule 28.1-1(E)(vii)	FAILURE TO MAINTAIN REGISTERED AP	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00 P100/day of delay	25,000.00 P100/day of delay
SRC Rule 28.1-1(E)(xi)	FAILURE TO MAINTAIN SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT FOR CLIENT FUND	Reprimand/ Warning	20,000.00	25,000.00
SRC Rule 28.1-1(E)(xiii)	FAILURE TO REPORT AMENDMENT	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00 P100/day of delay	15,000.00 -do-
SRC Rule 28.1-4	FAILURE TO REGISTER AS: SALESMAN COMPANY INDIVIDUAL	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00 5,000.00	15,000.00 7,000.00
	ASSOCIATED PERSON COMPANY INDIVIDUAL	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00 5,000.00	20,000.00 7,000.00
SRC Rule 28.1-4(C)	FAILURE TO NOTIFY DISCONTINUATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF SALESMAN, ASSOCIATED PERSON (SEC FORM 28-T)	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00 P100/day of delay	15,000.00 P100/day of delay
SRC Rule 30.1	VIOLATION OF RULES ON AFFILIATED TRANSACTIONS	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00	25,000.00
SRC Rule 30.2-1	ETHICAL STANDARDS RULE	Reprimand/ Warning	50,000.00	100,000.00
SRC Rule 30.2-2	CONFIRMATION OF CUSTOMER ORDERS	-do-	10,000.00	15,000.00
SRC Rule 30.2-3	CLIENT AGREEMENT	-do-	10,000.00	15,000.00
	CLIENT AGREEMENT WITHDISCRETIONARY ACCOUNT	-do-	50,000.00	100,000.00
SRC Rule 30.2-4	SUITABILITY RULE	-do-	50,000.00	100,000.00
	CHURNING/EXCESSIVE TRADING	10,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00
SRC Rule 30.2-5	RULES ON COMMISSIONS & CHARGES FOR SERVICES OF BROKER DEALER	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00	15,000.00
SRC Rule 30.2-6	FAILURE TO ESTABLISH/MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE & APPROPRIATE COMPLIANCE FUNCTION	Reprimand/ Warning	25,000.00	50,000.00
	FAILURE TO INFORM THE COMMISSION OF OCCURRENCES OF MATERIAL NON-COMPLIANCE WITH LEGAL REQUIREMENTS	25,000.00	50,000.00	100,000.00
	FAILURE TO REPORT TO MANAGEMENT AND TO MAINTAIN A LOGBOOK	Reprimand/ Warning	5,000.00	7,000.00
	FAILURE TO FILE COMPLIANCE REPORT	Reprimand/ Warning	5,000.00 P100/day of delay	7,000.00 P100/day of delay
SRC Rule 30.2-7	FAILURE TO ESTABLISH, IMPLEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00	15,000.00
SRC Rule 30.2-9	FAILURE TO SUBMIT NAMES OF STOCKHOLDERS, MEMBERS, PARTICIPANTS, CLIENTS, RELATED INFORMATION	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00	15,000.00
Section 32	PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF UNREGISTERED EXCHANGE; FAILURE TO RENEW LICENSE, REGULATION OF OVER THE COUNTER MARKET	200,000.00		
SRC Rule 32.1	TRADING OF UNREGISTERED SECURITIES OR IN UNREGISTERED EXCHANGE/MARKET	B/D – P100,000.00 AP/SP – P50,000.00	P150,000.00 P75,000.00	P200,000.00 P100,000.00
SRC Rule 32.2(a)	BEST EXECUTION RULE	B/D – P50,000.00 AP/S – 25,000.00	75,000.00 50,000.00	100,000.00 75,000.00
SRC Rule 33.2 (c)	COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF AN EXCHANGE	Reprimand/ Warning	100,000.00	150,000.00
SRC Rule 33.2 (c)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE OWNERSHIP LIMIT REQUIREMENT	P100,000.00 100.00/day of delay	P150,000.00 100.00/day of delay	P200,000.00 100.00/day of delay
SRC Rule 33.2 (d)	FAILURE OF AN EXCHANGE TO PROTECT CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS IN CASE OF BUSINESS FAILURE	P100,000.00 100.00/day of delay	P150,000.00 100.00/day of delay	P200,000.00 100.00/day of delay
SRC Rule 34.1-1	VIOLATION OF CUSTOMER FIRST POLICY	Reprimand/ Warning	P25,000.00	P50,000.00
SRC Rule 34.1-2	VIOLATION OF CHINESE WALLS POLICY	P25,000.00	P50,000.00	P100,000.00
SRC Rule 36-4.1	FAILURE TO REGISTER AS A TRANSFER AGENT	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000.00 100.00/day of delay	P75,000.00 100.00/day of delay
SRC Rules 36-4.2	FAILURE TO SUBMIT: • ANNUAL REPORT; • EXCEPTION REPORT; • PERIODIC REPORT TO ISSUER; • ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS; • GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET; • AFFIDAVIT OF NON HOLDING OF MEETING; • MONTHLY RECONCILIATION OF PCD & TA; • MONTHLY CERTIFICATION AS TO NUMBER OF SHARES REGISTERED UNDER PCD NOMINEE; • NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS; • OTHER REQUIRED REPORTS.	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000.00 P100.00/day of delay	
	FAILURE TO MAINTAIN COMPLAINT LOG	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000.00 P100.00/day of delay	
SRC Rule 36-4.3	FAILURE TO RETAIN REQUIRED RECORDS	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000.00 P100.00/day of delay	P25,000.00 P100.00/day of delay
SRC Rule 39.1-1(E)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS ON COMPLIANCE & SURVEILLANCE	Reprimand/ Warning	P100,000.00	P150,000.00
SRC Rule 39.1-1(D)	FAILURE TO SUPERVISE LISTED COMPANIES	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000.00	P75,000.00
SRC Rule 39.1-1(F)	FAILURE OF SRO TO SUBMIT EXAMINATION CALENDAR OR NOTIFY OF ANY AMENDMENT THERETO	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000.00	P25,000.00
SRC Rule 39.1-1(F)	FAILURE OF SRO TO EXAMINE MEMBERS DURING ONE EXAMINATION CYCLE	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000.00	P75,000.00
SRC Rule 39.1-1(F)	FAILURE OF SRO TO FILE MONTHLY REPORTS OF ITS PERIODIC EXAMINATION	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000.00	P25,000.00
SRC Rule 39.1 –1(F)	FAILURE OF SRO TO SEND DEFICIENCY LETTER, IF WARRANTED	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000.00	P75,000.00
SRC Rule 39.1 –1 (F)	FAILURE OF SRO TO INITIATE INVESTIGATION, IF WARRANTED	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000.00	P75,000.00
SRC Rule 39.1-1(G-I)	FAILURE OF SRO TO INVESTIGATE SUSPECTED VIOLATIONS OF SRC SECTIONS 24, 26, 27	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000.00	P75,000.00
SRC Rule 39.1-1(G-II)	FAILURE OF SRO TO INVESTIGATE VIOLATION OF RULES ON SALES PRACTICES, ETC.	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000.00	P75,000.00
SRC Rule 39.1-1(G-II)	FAILURE OF SRO TO NOTIFY THE COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATION OF VIOLATION OF SRC SECTIONS 24, 26, 27	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000.00	P25,000.00
SRC Rule 39.1-1(H)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULES ON DISCIPLINE OF SRO MEMBERS & PARTICIPANTS	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000.00	P75,000.00
SRC Rule 39.1-1(I)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH DISCIPLINARY ACTION OF THE COMMISSION	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000.00	P75,000.00
SRC Rule 39.1-1(J)	FAILURE OF SRO TO FILE REQUIRED REPORT	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000.00	P25,000.00
SRC Rule 39.1-2(B)	FAILURE TO REGISTER AS AN SRO (SEC FORM 39)	Reprimand/ Warning	P200,000.00	
SRC Rule 39.1-2(C)	FAILURE TO AMEND SEC FORM 39	Reprimand/ Warning	P25,000.00	P50,000.00
SRC Rule 39.1-2(D)	FAILURE OF SRO TO FILE ANNUAL RETURN (SEC FORM 39- AR)	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000.00	P25,000.00
SRC Rule 39.1-2(F)	FAILURE OF SRO TO SEND TO THE COMMISSION COPIES OF NOTICES, REPORTS OR RECORDS OF CHANGES COVERED BY AMENDMENTS	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000.00	P25,000.00
SRC Rule 39.1-3	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULES ON ALLOCATION OF REGULATORY RESPONSIBILITIES AMONG SROS	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000.00	P25,000.00
Section 40.2	FAILURE OF SRO TO COMPLY WITH SRC PROVISIONS	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000.00	P25,000.00
SRC Rule 40.3	FAILURE OF SRO, REGISTERED EXCHANGE OR TRADING PARTICIPANT AND ANY REGISTERED CLEARING AGENCY TO SUBMIT PROPOSED RULE OR AMENDMENT THERETO OR TO OBSERVE PROCEDURE ON RULE MAKING	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000.00 P100.00/day of delay	P25,000.00 P100.00/day of delay
SRC Rule 40.4	FAILURE OF SRO, REGISTERED EXCHANGE OR TRADING PARTICIPANT AND ANY REGISTERED CLEARING AGENCY TO COMPLY WITH THE COMMISSION'S ORDER TO EFFECT CHANGES IN ITS RULE/PRACTICE	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000.00 P100.00/day of delay	P25,000.00 P100.00/day of delay
Section 40.6	FAILURE OF SRO TO DISCIPLINE A MEMBER OR PARTICIPANT	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000.00	P75,000.00
Section 40.7	FAILURE OF SRO TO NOTIFY THE COMMISSION OF ANY DISCIPLINARY SANCTION ON ANY MEMBER	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000.00 P100.00/day of delay	P25,000.00 P100.00/day of delay
Section 41	USE OF UNREGISTERED CLEARING AGENCY	Reprimand/ Warning	P200,000.00	
SRC Rule 42-1(A)	FAILURE TO REGISTER AS CLEARING AGENCY	Reprimand/ Warning	P200,000.00	
SRC Rule 42-1(B)	FAILURE OF CLEARING AGENCY TO PAY PRESCRIBED ANNUAL FEE	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000.00 P100.00/day of delay	P75,000.00 P100.00/day of Delay
SRC Rule 42-1(D)	FAILURE TO AMEND APPLICATION INFORMATION	Reprimand/ Warning	P25,000.00 P100.00/day of Delay	P50,000.00 P100.00/day of delay
SRC Rule 42-1(E)	FAILURE OF CLEARING AGENCY TO FILE WITH ANNUAL AUDITED BALANCE SHEET ETC.	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000.00 P100.00/day of delay	P25,000.00 P100.00/day of delay
SRC Rule 42-2	FAILURE TO REPORT BREACHES OF RULES OR DIFFICULTIES BY PARTICIPANT	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000.00 P100.00/day of delay	P25,000.00 P100.00/day of delay
SRC Rule 48.1	MARGIN REQUIREMENT	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00	15,000.00
SRC Rule 49.1-1	NET CAPITAL RULE BELOW 5% OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS OR 5MILLION, WHICHEVER IS HIGHER	Reprimand/ Warning	Voluntary suspension	
	DAILY DETERMINATION & SHOULD BE AVAILABLE ANYTIME UPON REQUEST	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00 P100/day of delay	15,000.00 P100/day of delay

SRC/IRR Provisions	Description	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
	IF BELOW 120%, SUBMIT DAILY COMPUTATION	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00 P100/day of delay	15,000.00 P100/day of delay
	LATE FILING OF FINOP REPORT	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00 P100/day of delay	15,000.00 P100 day of delay
SRC Rule 49.1-1	EFFECT PROPOSAL (MEASURES TO BE TAKEN) WITHIN 10 DAYS	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00 P100.00/day of delay	15,000.00 P100.00/day of delay
	ERRONEOUS COMPUTATION	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00	15,000.00
	NOT USING THE REQUIRED FORMAT	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00	15,000.00
SRC Rule 49 1-1 (H)	VIOLATION OF LIMITATION ON WITHDRAWAL OF EQUITY CAPITAL	Reprimand/ Warning	25,000.00	50,000.00
SRC Rule 49.2	CUSTOMER PROTECTION RESERVES & CUSTODY OF SECURITIES	Reprimand/ Warning	25,000.00	50,000.00
SRC Rule 49.2-4	VIOLATION OF SPECIAL RESERVE ACCOUNT	Reprimand/ Warning	25,000.00	50,000.00
SRC Rule 49.3	LENDING & VOTING CUSTOMERS SECURITIES	Reprimand/ Warning	25,000.00	50,000.00
SRC Rule 50	PURCHASES AND SALES IN CASH ACCOUNT: -T+3 VIOLATION -FAILURE TO LIQUIDATE (PER TRANSACTION, NO MAXIMUM)	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00	15,000.00
SRC Rule 52.1-1	BOOKS AND RECORDS RULE: NOT CURRENT	Reprimand/ Warning	25,000.00 P200.00/day of delay	50,000.00 P200.00/day of delay
	NOT AVAILABLE	Immediate suspension	Immediate suspension	
SRC Rule 52.1-2	RECORDS RETENTION RULE: PRESERVATION FOR 5 YEARS	Reprimand/ Warning	25,000.00	50,000.00
	ACCESSIBLE FOR 2 YEARS	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00	15,000.00
	CEASED OPERATION	Reprimand/ Warning	25,000.00	50,000.00
SRC Rule 52.1-4	REPORT OF EXCHANGE MEMBERS, BROKERS, DEALERS TRADING THROUGH MEMBERS	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00	15,000.00
SRC Rule 52.1-5	FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS OF BROKERS, DEALERS WITHIN THE PERIOD	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00 P100.00/day of delay	15,000.00 P100.00/day of delay
SRC Rule 52.1-6	CUSTOMER ACCOUNT INFORMATION RULE (MAXIMUM OF 10 CLIENTS)	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00	15,000.00
SRC Rule 52.1-7	ORDER TICKET RULE (MAXIMUM OF 10)	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00	15,000.00
SRC Rule 52.1-8	FAILURE TO SEND CUSTOMER ACCOUNT STATEMENT MONTHLY	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00	15,000.00
SRC Rule 52.1-9	FAILURE TO PRESERVE SEPARATE FILE OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AND ACTION TAKEN	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00	15,000.00
SRC Rule 52.1-10	MONTHLY SECURITIES COUNT BY BROKER, DEALER	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00	15,000.00

PRE-NEED RULES (Implementing Rules of Section 16 of the SRC)

Pre-need Rule	Violations	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
Rule 3; Rule 35.1	ISSUING, OFFERING FOR SALE OR SELLING PRE-NEED PLANS WITHOUT PRIOR REGISTRATION WITH SEC.	1% of the amount of each transaction or P10,000 per transaction, whichever is higher.	2% of the amount of each transaction or P20,000 per transaction, whichever is higher.	6% of the amount of each transaction or P60,000 per transaction, whichever is higher.
Rule 4	FAILURE TO AMEND REGISTRATION STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SRC RULE 14 Change in the Qualitative Terms and Conditions of the Plans	P10,000 plus P100 per day of delay	P20,000 plus P200 per day of delay	P60,000 plus P600 per day of delay
Rule 6.1.a; SEC Memo Circular No. 3, Series of 2002	PRICE INCREASE MADE WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF SEC	1% of the amount of each sale in excess of the authorized price, or P10,000 per transaction, whichever is higher, plus P100 per day of delay in obtaining approval	2% of the amount of each sale in excess of the authorized price, or P20,000 per transaction, whichever is higher, plus P200 per day of delay in obtaining approval	6% of the amount of each sale in excess of the authorized shares or price, or P60,000 per transaction, whichever is higher, plus P600 per day of delay in obtaining approval
RULE 6.1.b	RESALE OF CANCELLED OR LAPSED PLANS	P50,000	P100,000	P200,000
Rules 6.1.c, 15.4 and 15.6	UNREGISTERED AND UNLICENSED SALESMEN OR GENERAL AGENT	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation
Rule 6.1.d; Rule 33	FAILURE TO SECURE PRIOR SEC APPROVAL TO THE FOLLOWING (1) Appointment of salesmen or general agent, or (2) Opening, closure or transfer of branches	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation
Rule 6.1.f and 16.1	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH TRUST FUND DEPOSIT RATES USED IN THE ACTUARIAL STUDIES SUBMITTED UNDER RULE 4.1 PAR. 7(i)(c)	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation
Rule 6.1.i	IMPAIRMENT OF CAPITAL	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation
Rule 35.4	AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Failure to comply with any of the requirements of PINUCA under Pre-Need rule 31, or incomplete disclosure per SRC Rule 68	P25,000 plus P500 per day of violation	P50,000 plus P1,000 per day of violation	P100,000 plus P1,000 per day of violation
	MATERIAL MISSTATEMENT IN THE FINANCIAL REPORT	P50,000 or 1/10 of 1% of the amount of misstatement, whichever is higher, plus P500 per day of Continuing violation	P100,000 or 1/10 of 2% of the amount of misstatement, whichever is higher, plus P1,000 per day of continuing violation	P200,000 or 1/10 of 6% of the amount of misstatement, whichever is higher, plus P2,000 per day of continuing violation
Rule 35.5; Rule 6.1	MISREPRESENTATION OR MISLEADING STATEMENTS IN ANY FILINGS REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION (This is in addition to the penalty on the principal report, if any.)	P100,000 plus P500 per day of continuing violation	P200,000 plus P1,000 per day of continuing violation	P400,000 plus P2,000 per day of continuing violation
	FAILURE TO SUBMIT ANY OF THE CERTIFICATIONS ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE WHICH WERE REPRESENTED TO BE SUBMITTED	Reprimand/ Warning	P25,000 plus P500 per day of violation	P50,000 plus P1,000 per day of violation
	ANY MISREPRESENTATION IN THE SUBMITTED MANUAL ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P500 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P1,000 per day of continuing violation
Rule 6.1.j; Rule 23.1.2	FAILURE TO PUBLISH THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITHIN 120 DAYS AFTER THE END OF FISCAL YEAR	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P500 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P1,000 per day of continuing violation
Rule 6.1.x	FAILURE TO PROVIDE A DISCLAIMER PER SEC MEMO CIRCULAR NO. 4, SERIES OF 2004	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P500 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P1,000 per day of continuing violation
Rule 6.1.n	VIOLATION OF ANY OTHER CONDITION IMPOSED IN THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OR PERMIT TO SELL	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation

SRC/IRR Provisions	Description	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
Rule 7.1	FAILURE TO CONSTITUTE A COMPLAINTS ACTION UNIT	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation
Rule 7.2	FAILURE TO DESIGNATE A COMPLIANCE OFFICER	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation
	FAILURE TO TIMELY DISCLOSE CHANGE OF COMPLIANCE OFFICER	Reprimand/ Warning	P30,000 plus P200 per day of delay	P40,000 plus P400 per day of delay
Rule 7.3	LATE FILING OF REQUIRED LIST: accredited mortuaries, telephone numbers and contact person of pre-need selling life plan	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation
Rule 8.3	REFUSAL TO FURNISH INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation
Rule 9.2	FAILURE TO PRODUCE ALL THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE PRE-NEED COMPANY FOR EXAMINATION OF SEC AUDITORS	P100,000 plus P500 per day of delay	P200,000 plus P1,000 per day of delay	P400,000 plus P2,000 per day of delay
Rule 9.3	REFUSAL OF THE ISSUER TO PERMIT EXAMINATION OF A FINANCIAL AND RELATED DOCUMENTS TO BE MADE BY THE COMMISSION	P100,000 plus P500 per day of delay	P200,000 plus P1,000 per day of delay	P400,000 plus P2,000 per day of delay
Rule 12.1	FAILURE TO OBTAIN SEC APPROVAL ON THE AMENDMENT OF ANY: Pre-need Plan Contract; Trust Agreement; Other pertinent documents	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation	P200,000 plus P800 per day of continuing violation
Rule 13.3	INFORMATION BROCHURE IS NOT ACCURATELY REFLECTING THE TERMS OF THE PLAN OR THE FINANCIAL ABILITY OF THE PRE-NEED COMPANY	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000	P100,000
Rule 15.1	OPERATION WITHOUT PRIOR SEC REGISTRATION AS DEALER	P100,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P200,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation	P300,000 plus P800 per day of continuing violation
Rule 16.4	WITHDRAWAL FROM TRUST FUND OTHER THAN THE PLANHOLDERS' BENEFIT (This is Imposable upon the Trustee)	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation
Rule 17	FAILURE TO CREATE OR MAINTAIN THE REQUIRED INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (This is Imposable upon the Trustee)	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation
Rule 18	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE LIQUIDITY RESERVE REQUIREMENT (This is Imposable upon the Trustee)	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation
Rule 19	FAILURE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL DEPOSITS TO TRUST FUND TO COVER DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED PERIOD	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation
Rule 20.1	FAILURE OF THE TRUSTEE TO EXERCISE DUE DILIGENCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PLANHOLDERS (This is Imposable upon the Trustee)	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation
RULE 20.2	INVESTMENT OF THE TRUST FUND TO DOSRI OR PROHIBITED ACCOUNTS (This is Imposable upon the Trustee)	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation
Rule 21	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE DIRECTIVE OF THE COMMISSION TO CONVERT THE TRUST FUND ASSETS OF THE INVESTMENT TO PROTECT THE INTEREST OF THE PLANHOLDERS (This is imposable upon the Trustee)	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation
Rule 22	ENCUMBRANCE, CONVEYANCE OR MORTGAGE OVER ALL OR SUBSTANTIALLY ALL THE ASSETS OF THE ISSUER WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION.	P100,000 plus P500 per day upon discovery	P200,000 plus P1,000 per day upon discovery	P400,000 plus P2,000 per day upon discovery
Rule 23	NON-FILING OR LATE FILING OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: • Audited Financial Statements; • Actuarial Valuation Report; • Corporate Governance Manual	Reprimand/ Warning	P100,000 plus P500 per day of delay	P200,000 plus P1,000 per day of delay
23.1-23.1.2	INCOMPLETE REPORT (This shall be in addition to the penalty for late filing of the report per due date under the Rules)	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000 plus P200 per day of delay of filing the amended report	P20,000 plus P400 per day of delay of filing the amended report
Rule 24	NON-FILING/LATE FILING OF QUARTERLY REPORTS	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P300 per day of delay	P60,000 plus P600 per day of delay
Rule 24.1-24.4	INCOMPLETE QUARTERLY REPORT (This shall be in addition to the penalty for late filing of the report per due date under the Rules)	Reprimand/ Warning	P20,000 plus P300 per day of delay of filing the amended report	P40,000 plus P600 per day of delay of filing the amended report
Rule 25	NON-FILING/LATE FILING OF FOLLOWING MONTHLY REPORTS: • Sales Reports; • Collection Reports; • Trust Fund Deposits; • List of Salesmen Terminated and Apprenticeship; • Trust Fund Statement	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P300 per day of delay	P60,000 plus P600 per day of delay
RULE 35	PAYMENT OF EXCESSIVE COMMISSION	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation
Rule 35.3	OVERPRICING OF PLANS	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P300 per day from time of discovery	P60,000 plus P300 per day of from time of discovery

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT & ICA RULE 35-1

ICA/Rule 35 Provisions	Description	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
Sections 7 and 24	VIOLATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS	1% of the amount of each transaction or P10,000 per transaction, whichever is higher	2% of the amount of each transaction or P20,000 per transaction, whichever is higher	3% of the amount of each transaction or P50,000 per transaction, whichever is higher.
Section 8	ELECTION OF CERTAIN INELIGIBLE AFFILIATED PERSONS AND UNDERWRITERS	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation	P150,000 plus P1,800 per day of continuing violation
Section 9	UNAUTHORIZED AFFILIATIONS OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation	P200,000 plus P1,500 per day of continuing violation
Section 10	PROHIBITED OFFERS TO EXCHANGE SECURITIES	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation	P200,000 plus P1,800 per day of continuing violation
Section 11	UNAUTHORIZED OR ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES OF INVESTMENT COMPANIES	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation	P200,000 plus P1,800 per day of continuing violation
Section 12	UNAUTHORIZED CHANGES IN INVESTMENT POLICY (imposable on responsible directors and officers)	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation	P200,000 plus P800 per day of continuing violation
Section 14	UNAUTHORIZED CONTRACTS OF ADVISERS AND UNDERWRITERS (imposable on responsible directors and officers)	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation	P200,000 plus P800 per day of continuing violation

SRC/IRR Provisions	Description	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
Sections 22 and 23, ICA Rule 35-1 (e)	VIOLATION OF REQUIREMENTS ON DISTRIBUTION, REDEMPTION, AND REPURCHASE OF SECURITES	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation	P200,000 plus P800 per day of continuing violation
Section 28	EXCESSIVE PERIODIC PAYMENT PLAN	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation
Sections 25, 27 & 30, ICA Rule 35-1(e)(3)	FAILURE TO SUBMIT REQUIRED REPORTS UNDER THESE SECTIONS AND/OR TO PUBLISH DAILY PRICES	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000 plus P200 per day of continuing violation	P20,000 plus P400 per day of continuing violation
Section 32	MISREPRESENTATIONS	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation	P300,000 plus P1,800 per day of continuing violation
ICA Rule 35-1 (d)	VIOLATION OF RECITED INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, POLICIES AND RESTRICTIONS	Reprimand/ Warning	P50,000 plus P300 per day of continuing violation	P100,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation
ICA Rule 35-1 (c)(2)	NON-DEPOSIT OF SALES PROCEEDS TO A CUSTODIAN BANK	P10,000 plus P200 per day of continuing violation	P20,000 plus P400 per day of continuing violation	P50,000 plus P600 per day of continuing violation
ICA Rule 35-1 (c)(3)	REDEMPTION OF ORIGINAL CAPITAL FOR LESS THAN 12 MONTHS	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000 per redemption	P20,000 per redemption
ICA Rule 35-1 (j)(f)	LATE FILING OF MONTHLY SALES/REDEMPTION REPORT	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000 plus P200 per day of continuing violation	P20,000 plus P400 per day of continuing violation
ICA Rule 35-1 (e)(3)	FAILURE TO EFFECT REDEMPTION REQUEST WITHIN 7 BANKING DAYS	Reprimand/ Warning	P10,000 per redemption	P20,000 per redemption
Section 35 ICA Rule 35-1(g)(1)	FAILURE TO REGISTER AS AN INVESTMENT COMPANY ADVISER	Reprimand/ Warning	100,000.00	
ICA Rule 35-1(g)(1)-A	FAILURE TO MAINTAIN THE MINIMUM UNIMPAIRED NET WORTH OF AT LEAST P10 M EXCLUSIVE OF REVALUATION SURPLUS	Reprimand/ Warning	25,000.00	50,000.00
Section 40	FAILURE TO REGISTER AGENTS & INVESTMENT SOLICITORS. Company Individual	Reprimand/ Warning	10,000.00 5,000.00	15,000.00 7,000.00

FINANCING COMPANY ACT AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES

FCA/IRR Provisions	Description	First Offense	Second Offense	Third Offense
Sec. 7(c), FCA of 1998; Section 4(a), IRR	ENGAGING IN THE BUSINESS OF A FINANCING COMPANY WITHOUT CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY (CA) TO OPERATE AS A FINANCING COMPANY	P 10,000 plus P 100 per day	P 20,000 Plus P 300 per day	P 30,000 Plus P 500 per day
Section 5(b), IRR	FAILURE TO OPERATE WITHIN 120 DAYS FROM GRANT OF CA	P 10,000 Plus P 100 per day	P 15,000 Plus P 200 per day	P 20,000 Plus P 300 per day
Section 6(a), IRR	NO CA TO ESTABLISH/ OPERATE A BRANCH OFFICE	P 10,000 Plus P 100 per day	P 10,000 Plus P 200 per day	P 10,000 Plus P 300 per day
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Continued non-payment of the assessed fine and/or failure to comply with the requirement, despite notice and hearing for a period of fifteen (15) days, shall be a sufficient ground for the Commission to take other appropriate action or remedies available under the Securities Regulation Code and other related laws.

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The imposition of the foregoing penalties shall be without prejudice to the imposition of other administrative sanctions or to the filing of criminal charges against the person/s responsible for the violation.

This Circular shall be published in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines and shall take effect within fifteen (15) days after the date of the last publication.

Signed on behalf of the Commission on September 22, 2005, Mandaluyong City, Philippines.

(Sgd.) FE B. BARIN
Chairperson

(PDI - Sept. 29, 2005)

MVP to buy Zobel stake in BusinessWorld

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

TELCO EXECUTIVE MANUEL V. Pangilinan is in talks to buy the 30-percent stake of businessman Iñigo Zobel in broadsheet BusinessWorld Publishing Corp., sources told the INQUIRER.

But a complete takeover of the newspaper seems far-fetched.

"We have no intention of selling part or the entire 67-70 percent as of now," BusinessWorld publisher Ronaldo A. Romero said in a phone interview.

Romero added that he was not aware of any final purchase agreement between Pangilinan and Zobel.

Zobel is chair of BusinessWorld and is the single biggest shareholder of the newspaper.

He holds three board seats.

Former Prime Minister Cesar E.A. Virata sits as vice chair but has only a few shares.

The paper is now led by BusinessWorld president Barbara Locsin, daughter of former editor-publisher Leticia M. Locsin.

The rest of the five seats are held by BusinessWorld management.

Employees own 67 percent through the company's retirement fund, while the remaining 3 percent is owned by individual employees.

To prevent a hostile takeover, the retirement fund cannot sell its shares to any investor unless the vote is unanimous.

Sources said Zobel advised Pangilinan to secure the consent of management and the company's employees for the remaining 70 percent before he sells his stake.

BusinessWorld traces its roots to 1967, when it first appeared as Business Day, a daily newspaper devoted to business during the Marcos regime.

Founder Raul Locsin shut it down in 1987 following a labor dispute.

Barely a month later, loyal workers set up the new BusinessWorld Publishing Corp. and urged Locsin to lead it.

Its products include the monthly BusinessWorld Files and the annual BusinessWorld Top 1000 Corporations in the Philippines.

It also put up World Press Inc., a wholly owned printing subsidiary, in 1991.

In October 1995, BusinessWorld ventured into online publishing.

It also maintains Codex, its electronic archives.

Founding directors Locsin and his wife Leticia recently passed away, leaving a nearly 40-year-old legacy in business journalism.

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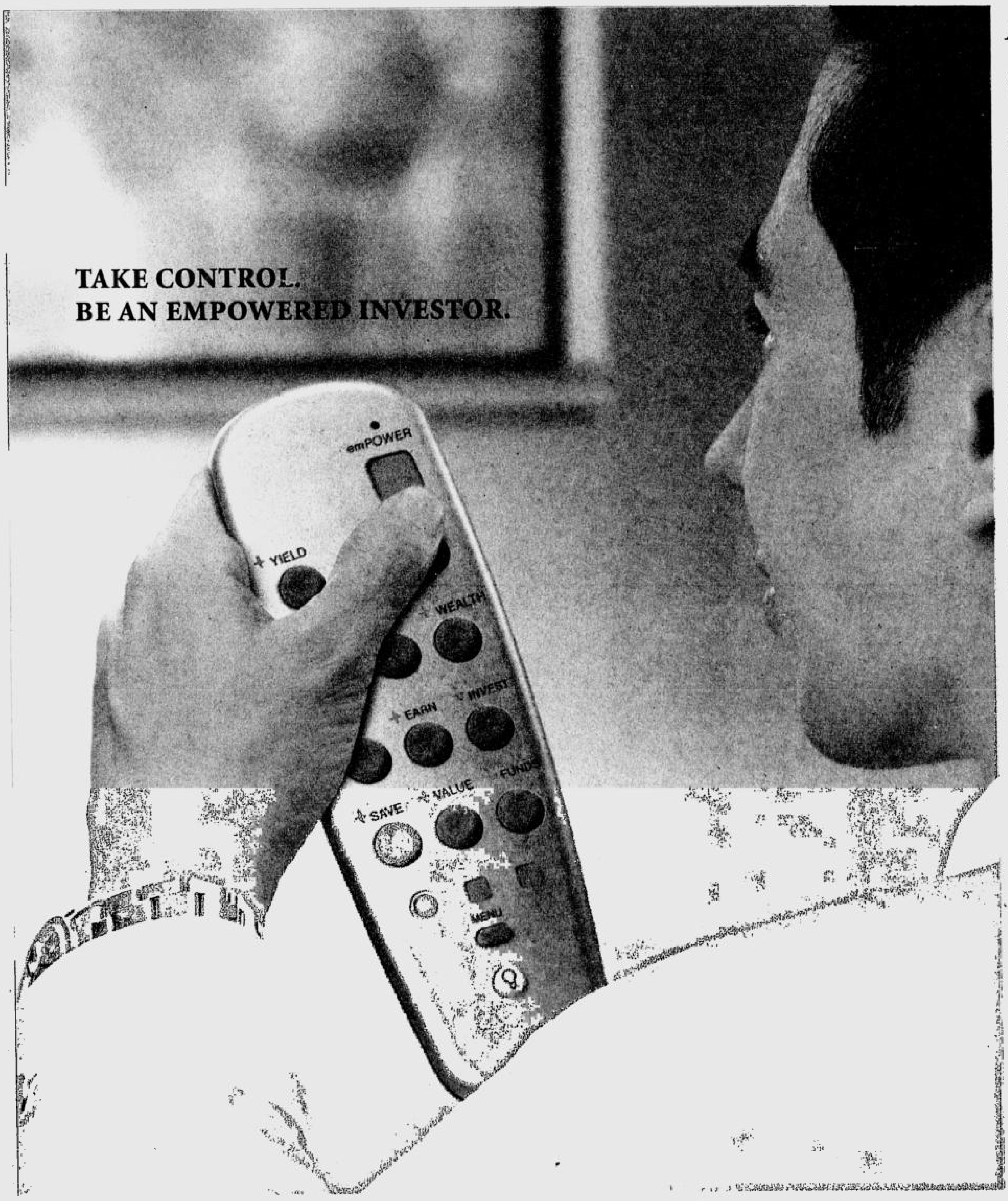

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ADB shows cut in trade costs to spur RP growth

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE BRINGING DOWN OF LOGISTICAL, institutional, and regulatory barriers to trade would do more to improve economic growth in Asian developing countries than a cut in tariffs, according to an Asian Development Bank study.

One finding was that Philippine exports could grow by almost three-fourths the latest rate of 10 percent a year if tariffs and other trade costs were reduced, while export growth would barely reach 1 percent if tariffs were cut.

Results on the study, titled "Asia's Long-term Growth and Integration: Reaching beyond Trade Policy Barriers," was released last week amid efforts in the region to bring down tariffs through various trade agreements.

Negotiations

In the case of the Philippines, the government is in the thick of negotiations for an economic partnership with Japan and is preparing to implement reduced tariffs in the Asean Free Trade Agreement and the Asean-China Early Harvest Program.

Prepared by ADB economists Douglas Brooks and Fan Zhai and economics professor David Roland-Holst of the University of California (Berkeley), the paper is part of the Policy Brief Series of ADB's Economics and Research Department and was designed to provide concise non-technical accounts of policy issues.

"Efforts to reduce trade costs would be critical for developing Asia to maximize growth and the benefits of regional trade integration," the paper said.

"Over the next 20 years, developing Asian economies would constitute a significant majority of the fastest growing markets in the world," it added.

"For this reason alone, greater integration offers the region the greatest potential for trade expansion and sustainable growth."

More costly

The study explains that while international attention to trade policies has focused on lowering tariffs; logistical, institutional and regulatory barriers were often more costly than tariffs.

Reducing these other barriers would entail reductions in red tape and administrative fees, customs clearance efficiency and transparency, the use of technology to cut costs in transportation and communications, and better physical and institutional infrastructure.

ADB said simulations were done to show a scenario of Asian trade liberalization where all tariff and tariff equivalent import and export barriers were removed along with a gradual reduction in other trade costs.

Results showed that each of the 15 major economies studied would experience higher growth in income and trade levels than in a scenario of trade liberalization alone without a reduction in other trade costs.

For a developed country like Japan, the study showed that aggregate real income would go up 8 percent if trade liberalization was accompanied by reductions in other trade costs, which was more than eight times the 0.9 percent growth that could be achieved if reductions were limited to tariffs.

For the Philippines, the figures would be 72.6 percent and 0.09 percent, respectively.

Customs efficiency

The study recommended that policymakers put more emphasis on infrastructure, ports, and customs efficiency.

The study further recommends that policymakers take on the simplification and rationalization of rules as well as coherence of macroeconomic policy to improve transparency and reduce uncertainty in the area of trade.

"Efforts to reduce trade costs will be critical for developing Asia to maximize growth and the benefits of regional trade integration," the paper said.

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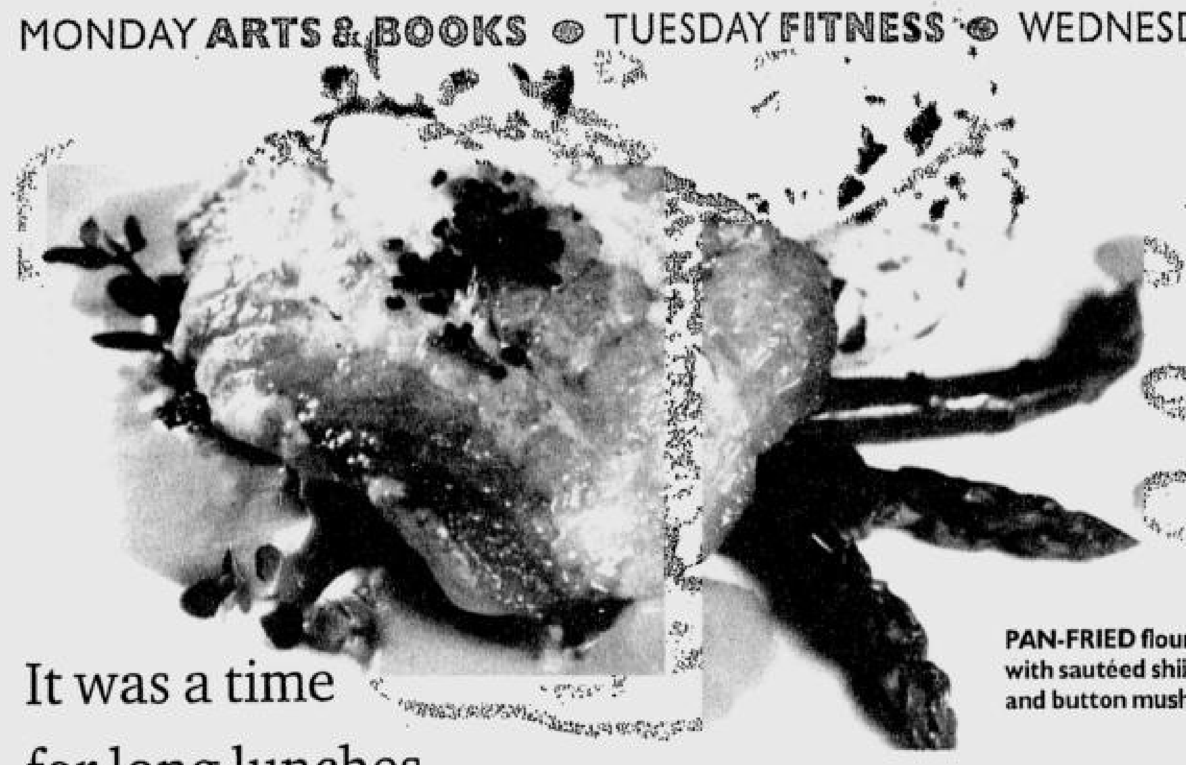
A month of table hopping



PAN-FRIED flounder with sautéed shiitake and button mushroom

It was a time for long lunches, Mexican buffet and wine-tasting

By Michaela Fenix
Contributor

MY EATING diary was full this month. Apart from regular home meals, food festivals had to be added as well as dinners with friends. Here is a report on three culinary happenings in town the past weeks.

A long lunch

Prince Albert Rotisserie of the InterContinental Manila has changed its eat-all-you-can menu. It may sound a bit odd for a fine dining place to offer a fast-food practice but sometimes, you have a big appetite for some high-end food but have to hold back for lack of funds.

The price is nothing to sniff at, P1,200++ per person, but then you can have all the appetizers listed (six in all) and still ask for the roasted US rib-eye with Yorkshire pudding. The offer is only for lunch, which should give those who have to work later something to think about.

The new menu features Provençale cooking plus the cuisine of other Mediterranean countries. There are shared dishes and ingredients in all of those because of closeness in geography and history. Patricia Wells, in her article on France's Rolling Pizza Parlors, wrote that Nice was part of Italy until the middle of the 19th century. This is why, in the appetizer section, there's *moules marniere* (mussels in white wine) and then there's Parma ham with marinated artichoke.

For our tasting, we went through six courses—smoked salmon tartare, lobster bisque, saffron *fettuccini* with asparagus tips and mushrooms, roasted rack of lamb, pan-fried flounder and apple *tatin*.

To go through all that, you'd need to have all the time in the world. But it is even more important to dine with good conversation.

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Most Mexican

The welcome to the Mexican festival at the Hyatt Regency Manila was typically Mexican, a *mariachi* band rendering rather familiar songs. The featured city, after all, is Guadalajara, considered "the most Mexican of Mexican cities," the capital of Jalisco province. I did hear the trio sing "Jalisco, Jalisco."

When the food was presented, almost everything was familiar. The selection was what you think of when Mexican food was mentioned—fajitas, refried beans, chili con carne, tacos, burrito con enchilada, guacamole. Even the name of the fajitas cook was familiar—Candy Gonsalez. It sounded very Filipino to my ears because she told me her nickname instead of her full name, Candita Brigida.

Gonsalez and executive chef Juan Miguel Armendariz work at the Hyatt Cancun Caribe Villas and Resort. They came to present the cooking of Guadalajara for two weeks. Unfortunately for those who would want to try it, the festival ended yesterday.

While Guadalajara is considered "most Mexica" to a native like Zarela Martinez, author of a Mexican cookbook "Food from my Heart," the city is a "beautiful, stately 16th-century Spanish city."

She narrates how Jalisco resisted the Spanish more than any Mexican province and so the locals were almost wiped out. Since the Spanish were not allowed to intermarry in that province, she considers the food "more Europenized—not just Spanish, but colored by many layers of immigration."

It is Guadalajara's look, food and feel that must have been presented to the world and to our country. That established our impression of Mexico and its food.

Meet the winemakers

When you see the line of glasses to be filled with wines through the night, you take a deep breath and hope you don't get drunk.

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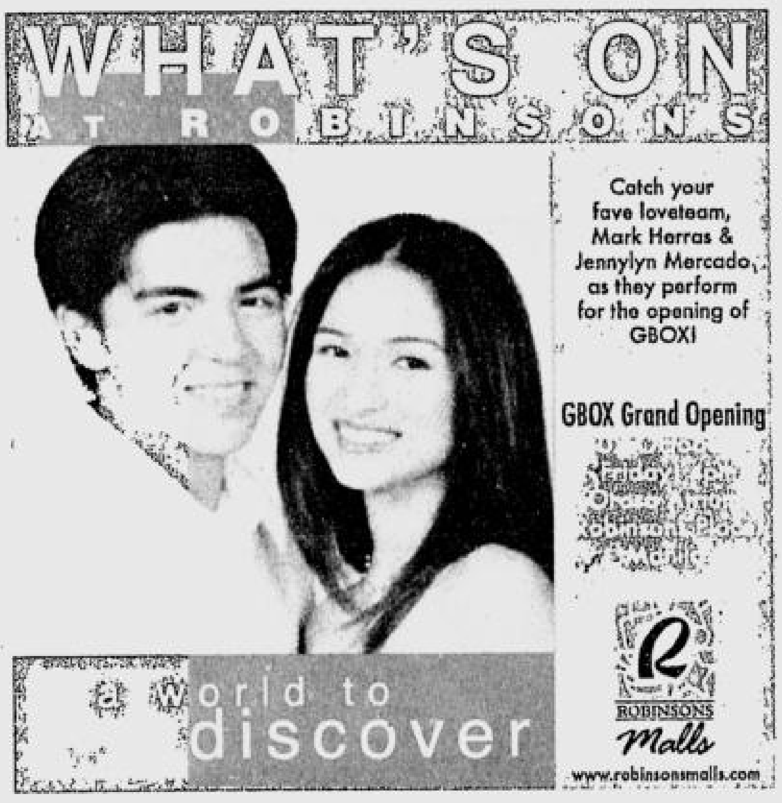

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OTHER SPECIAL COURSES

Japanese Cooking: Oct.1 (Sat) 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. Miso Soup, Mixed Tempura, Sukiyaki, Kamameshi; assorted nigiri and sushi: Kappamaki, Tekamaki, California maki. P1,000 with free Japanese cookbook.

Kakanin (Native Delicacies): Oct.15 (Sat) 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. Pichi-Pichi, Cuchinta, Puto, Cassava Bibingka, Homemade Salabat. P600

Food Preservation (quick methods): Oct.18-19 (T-W) 2:30 - 5:30 No Preservative Processed Meats: Chicken Ham, Tocino and Longanisa; assorted pickles, atchara, kimchi, chutney. P900

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Catering: Oct. 5-7 (W-F) 2-6 p.m. Legal & technical aspect to get started in catering business. Facilities, personnel, menu including portioning and quantification. Actual cooking preparation of Stuffed Chicken Thighs, Vegetable Samosa, Spicy Chicken Wings, Eggplant Skordalia, Quiche Lorraine, Maja-Nangka Royale. P3,000

Basic Cooking: Oct. 11-14 or Oct. 25-28 (T-F) 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. More topics included! Proper hygiene, sanitation and safety; Nutrition and Nutritional Cooking; proper mis-en-place of mirepoix, stocks, soups, sauces, marinades, use of herbs and spices combinations, proper purchasing, storage, techniques of disjointing and boning poultry, filleting fish and meat fabrication. With actual preparation of dishes from appetizer, salad, eggs, pasta, seafoods, poultry and meats, dessert including garnishing for plate presentation. Free Mix & Match cookbook. P5,000

Basic Cake Decorating: Oct. 15 & 22 (Sat) 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fundamentals of cake decorating: coloring, designing, template, icing (boiled, caramel, chocolate, sugar icing); basic borders, jelly lettering, basic flowers incl. bunching techniques. Individual workshop on icing application & cake designing. P3,000

Basic Waitering & Bartending : Oct. 22 & 29 (Sat) 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Basic setup, techniques of suggestive selling, proper serving and bussing out, napkin folding & skirting, Bar tools and glass wares, classification of wine and spirits, simple garnish. With actual mixing of cocktail drinks and wine tasting. P3,000

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ROAST pork burritto

WINE selection being chilled and waiting to be served

A month of table hopping

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At the ballroom of the New World Renaissance Hotel, the glasses and wines were beside our table as if by design, informing everyone that on this side of the room were the drinkers. But really, the room was full of wine enthusiasts, members of wine societies and the diplomatic corps.

The distributor, Wine Depot, organized the gala dinner and auction to introduce five winemakers from Australia—Kevin Mitchell of Kilikanoon, Derek Hopper of Cape Jaffa Wine, Wayne Dutschke of Dutschke Winery, Tony Ingle of Angove's Vineyards and Rob Bowen of Houghton. This was the first of what would be a yearly institutional event dubbed Toast.

All the wines served that evening had either won points, ratings or stars from authorities like Robert Parker and James Halliday or from wine magazines like Winestate, Spectator, Enthusiast and Advocate, or won medals at wine challenges and shows.

But not all the wines served that evening were Australian. Bottles from New Zealand, Italy, France and Chile were also included.

Highly rated and award-winning wine paired with food might not taste as well as when taken alone. So there were some that disappointed while others enhanced the flavors of the food prepared by New World executive chef, Colin Healy.

For the appetizers of goat cheese, truffle artichoke and wild mushroom salad, the other whites didn't work as well as the Nobilo Icon Sauvignon Blanc 2004 from Marlborough, New Zealand. New Zealand is touted to produce the best sauvignon blanc wines.

WHITE and dark chocolate served with caramelized onion and balsamic ice cream

SAFFRON fettuccini with asparagus tips and sautéed mushroom

For the Chilean sea bass with parsley-leek risotto, the Angove's McLaren Vale Shiraz 2004 was favored over the other two. Maybe it's because winemaker Tony Ingle came over to our table.

Bespectacled Ingle informed us that winemakers came to the Philippines because the wine market here was growing so fast. While Filipinos prefer medium-level wines to high-end ones, we consume rather than collect. Another gold mark for the country?

The tenderloin was too well done for my taste. With a full ballroom like that evening, I could imagine how it must have sat in the holding place, drying by the minute. Maybe the disappointment affected my mood that I didn't care which red went best with a well-done steak.

CANDY Gonsalez makes beef fajitas.

Finally the chocolates came, a white and a tall pointed dark structure, partnered with caramelized onions and balsamic ice cream. I enjoyed the Dutschke Tokay and the Grant Burge 10-year-old Port both from Barossa Valley in South Australia.

The program included an auction of premium wines, some going for as high as P50,000. The money earned went to the Chosen Children Village Foundation, which sends children with life-threatening conditions to American hospitals for surgery. With a successful auction, there should have been a toast to Toast.

Wine Depot, with its warehouse outlet of several brands on Julia Vargas in Ortigas and at the Zuellig Loop in Makati, will soon open another one at the Westgate, Filinvest Corporate City in Alabang.

Going through so many bottles and brands can be confusing. Meeting the winemakers may make choosing easier. Wine Depot must know that there's nothing like the personal touch.

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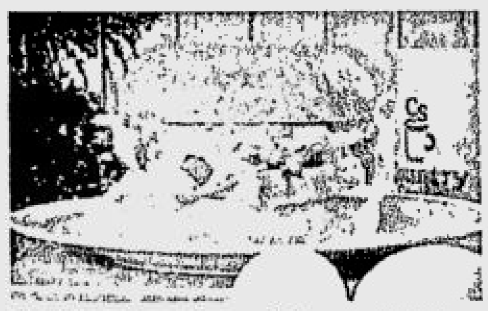
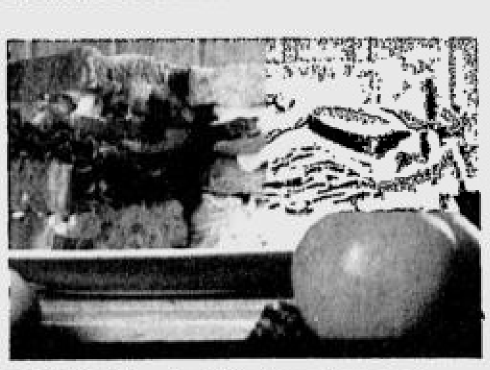
What is happening to lunch?

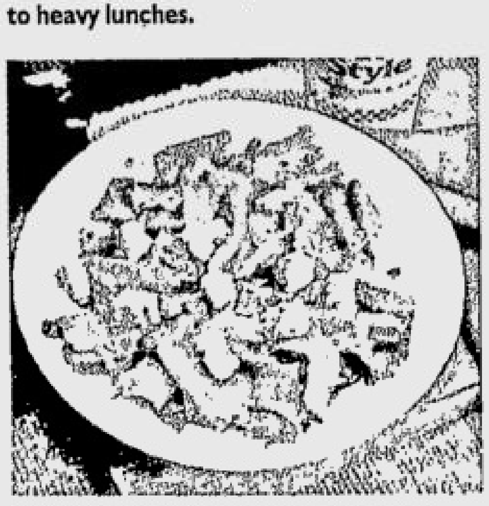
By Butch J. Pajarillo
Contributor



BAGEL de Luxe is one of Country Style's breakfast bestsellers.



CHICKEN mortadella, tuna, ham and cheese, and other double-decker sandwiches are healthy alternatives to heavy lunches.



CAESAR'S Salad comes in big portions.

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO LUNCH? IT seems there is less and less time for it.

Many office workers in the business districts—Makati, Ortigas, Alabang, Cubao—are so engrossed in doing so many activities in less time that they seem to have kicked the habit of eating lunch.

Blame multitasking on Bill Gates and his cohorts. Ever since they made Windows and replaced typewriters with Word and junked the Smith-Corona tabulating machines for Excel spreadsheets, office bosses dumped more work with short deadlines on computer-literate workers.

> Bill Gates made multitasking possible and a midday meal optional

Which is why these bosses are now seeing their office crew turning into desktop diners, stealing time from their lunch break to work in front of a computer, munching doughnut, sandwiches, salad, spaghetti often ordered from the Country Style Bakery, Deli and Café nearest them.

Maybe, in revenge, office workers play computer games, send and answer e-mail, only clicking on PowerPoint when the boss steps into the room.

Ask the staff of the Country Style Bakery, Deli and Café about the time-short society. Genaline G. Austero, marketing manager, observes that most of Country Style's customers are from the multitasking crowd—the young, the office workers and even the women balancing home and career.

That's why Country Style kiosks, carts and full-stores, dine-in and express concept bakery/cafés do not aspire to be located in shopping malls. They are mostly in office buildings, synchronizing their opening and closing with office hours.

If the buildings are closed on Sundays, so are they.

Housewives who drive their kids to school stop by a Country Style outlet on Pasong Tamo extension, turning on the hazard light as they get a pack of a dozen doughnuts. They then drive while eating. Or a guy sits at a table talking on the cell phone while checking his schedule on his palm pilot as he waits for his salad and sandwiches.

Alex Gonzales, who owns a two-year-old Country Style franchise on the second floor of Page One building at the Madrigal business complex in Alabang (Muntinlupa), is already used to his customers taking meals on the run. His delivery boys are so full of orders that Gonzales has offered substantial discounts to customers if they themselves would pick up their double-decker sandwiches, doughnuts and spaghetti at the Country Style counter. He also wishes to meet his customers in person.

NOT ALL doughnuts are hole-y.

The all-time favorite of the multitasking, lunch-is-an-afterthought crowd is the doughnut. Multitaskers may be busy racing to finish their workload, says Austero, but that does not mean they will not notice their doughnut is fresh, warm and not so sweet.

And they want variety. To make sure that a new doughnut variety won't be a slow mover, Country Style offers taste tests. A new variety is offered to walk-in customers for free. If a sufficient number of customers like the taste, the new variety stays in the doughnut cabinet for as long as its volume moves. Ensuring variety is one of the simple ways Country Style endears itself to the heart of the multitaskers.

Current bestsellers in its doughnut line-up are Triple Choco Boom, Sno Board and the Krazy Squares. The Triple Choco Boom is a chocolate eclair with creamy chocolate filling topped with chocolate. The Sno Board is a regular eclair with creamy chocolate filling in one end, and custard filling in the other, topped with white chocolate and candy sprinkles.

Krazy Squares come in four variants: Triple Peanut Blast, with creamy peanut butter filling, crushed peanut topping and chocolate peanut butter frosting; Choco-Nut, with delicious peanut butter filling, crushed chocolate-peanut topping and chocolate drizzle; Nutty Caramel, with peanut butter filling, crushed chocolate-peanut topping and caramel frosting; and Rocky Road, with luscious chocolate filling, chocolate frosting and peanuts-marshmallow topping.

Non-doughnut bestsellers are bagels, especially with cream cheese, spaghetti and sandwiches.

Country Style makes its doughnuts not so sweet because many customers are Baby Boomers, born in the 1946 and 1964 era and marching fast to the second-half century. They are waist-watchers even as they are multitaskers, too.

So whether you have time for lunch or too busy to leave your desk, Country Style will be able to provide you the sustenance you need.

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THE CONSUMER
Marietta Velasco Giron

BETTER ASK YOUR BANK about fees and penalties it charges for transactions and services. In these hard times when every cent counts, we cannot afford any unnecessary transactions that will cost us money.

Until we got an e-mail from concerned consumer Collis Davis of Naic, Cavite, we didn't know, for example, that we had to pay a service charge if we made a deposit in a bank branch other than where we had our account.

Collis related his experience: "I opened a checking account at [a Makati] branch of Metrobank [but] sometimes... I am unable to make a deposit... to my home branch, so I proceed to the Naic branch of Metrobank...

"Today, I was surprised to learn from the teller (and later the bank manager) that it was Metrobank's policy to charge an additional fee if one was depositing cash in their branch. This was because Naic was not my 'home' branch. The charge was P50 for a cash deposit of P2,000... I replied that this was the cost of doing business [and] was normally absorbed by the bank, not by the depositor. [But] I went ahead and paid the penalty and left the bank."

(This columnist confirmed from Metrobank's main office that, indeed, it was the bank's policy to charge P50 for amounts below P100,000 for deposits made at branches beyond specified areas from the depositor's home bank. Deposits in excess of P100,000 are charged P100 and above per transaction.)

Collis said, "There is little evidence of a concept of customer service in the Philippines that is recognized and practiced not only by banks but most businesses, especially large businesses. This has got to change if the Philippines expects to survive in this new global economic environment. Increasingly, it's becoming a buyer's market, not a seller's market as assumed by most businesses."

The disgruntled depositor urged consumers to fight back and make these unsavory practices known so erring establishments would stop the shoddy treatment of their customers.

ATM hassle

To many ATM (automated teller machine) users, the experience of reader R. Banag (dbanag@yahoo.com) sounds all too familiar. He wrote: "I was on my way to the province when I realized I was short of cash. It was about 5 p.m. when I went to the ATM at the ground floor of Oriental Garden Condominium in Makati to withdraw P400.

"To my surprise, the machine dispensed only P300! I told the guard on duty about it. He went inside the bank and told the teller that I needed the P100. Their only response was to tell me to return the following morning. I am disappointed with the bank's service."

Feedback

Praises to our young consumer advocates—fourth year high school students from Honesty section, St. Scholastica College. A team of eight students did a survey of selected restaurants and fast-food outlets to assess the quality of service. They were not too happy with their overall observation and gave the establishments a poor rating.

In their report about a popular restaurant, they noted unsatisfactory servings of dishes and poor performance of personnel. They found the servings small but overpriced, and the quality far from satisfactory. Drinks were no longer fresh. Though the dishes were hot, they were not as savory as they looked in the posters and pictures hanged in the restaurant.

The students concluded, "We believe that as consumers we should get our money's worth. They (food establishments) are earning from us and so we should be treated properly. Customers should realize that they can and must voice out their opinions and complaints, as well. People should be well informed about their basic consumer rights and responsibilities.... If more people will be made aware of existing laws (on consumer protection) then some producers will no longer abuse their customers."

Praises for the good work of team members Michelle Ayuyao, Jamie Chan, Anne Fevidal, Lorrie Mascenon, Janine Puno, Katrina Regalado, Vernice Salvadora and Jenny Young!

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Fresh California Grapes will hold Grapescapade 2005 Culinary Adventure Race on Oct. 2 at SM City North Edsa. Teams will go through a series of obstacles in and around the metro in a three-hour race. The final challenge is whipping up a five-star gourmet dish using Fresh California Grapes as basic ingredient. Participants must be currently enrolled in culinary arts or a related course. Call 9118258/9110735.

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OCTOBER-NOVEMBER SCHEDULE
RECREATIONAL AND ONE-DAY BUSINESS CLASS

BAKING CLASSES

October 15, Saturday CHOCOLATE TEMPTATIONS. This class is a must for anyone with a passion to create a dazzling chocolate desserts. Chef Adoree Chong-Uy will demonstrate a variety of specialties like Double Chocolate Rum Cake, Fudgy Chocolate Cake, Chocolate Blitz Torte, Flourless Chocolate Cake, Chocolate Peanut Butter Dome and Graham Chocolate Roulade for P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 4:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

October 17, Monday TWIST TO BASIC BAKING. Simple and easy to learn recipes will be demonstrated by Pastry Chef Hannah Herrera. The recipes are Cream-Cheese Cookies, Hi-Fibre Cookies, Choco-Coffee Cookies, Banana Cream Pie and Apple Pie. Recipes include all ingredients for P1,200.00 from 10:00 3:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

October 25, Tuesday CAKES. Simple and easy to learn recipes for the coming Holiday season will be demonstrated by Cake-Decorator and Pastry Chef Ana Baluyut. The recipes are Leche Flan Cakes, Caramel Cake, Pandan-Macapuno Cake, Mexican Torte and Chocolate Sansrival for P1,200.00 from 10:00 3:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

October 28, Friday SPECIAL BARS. Learn a new set of delectable bar recipes from Chef Adoree Chong-Uy which are perfect for a home-based business. Recipes include Chocolate Raspberry bars, Date and Apple Squares, Sour Cream Streusel Bars, Sesame Squares, Almond Bars and Lemon Squares for P1,200.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 3:00 p.m.

November 09, Wednesday BREADS. Bread recipes from our Pastry and Cake Decorator Chef, Chef Ana Baluyot, recipes include Ensaimada, Pan de Sal, Cinnamon Roll, Mamon, Cheesy Cupcake and Dinner Roll from 10:00 3:00 p.m. including all ingredients for P1,200.00.

COOKING CLASSES

October 03, Monday HOLIDAY TURKEY TREAT. Impress your friends with a complete Turkey dinner for the coming Holiday season. Recipes include 4 kinds of Stuffing, Giblet Gravy, Corn Bread, Split Pea Soup, Old Fashioned Fruit Salad and Glazed Sweet Potatoes with Campfire Crust. P1,500.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 3:00 p.m.

October 04, Tuesday SIMPLE SUSHI & SASHIMI WORKSHOP 1. This Sushi and Sashimi Workshop of Chef Aoki from Osaka, Japan where the student will learn simple and basic sushi and sashimi making that you can do and serve to your family and friends Trimming of Tuna, Sushi Rice, California Maki, Tekka Maki, Temaki, Kanikyuri Sarada and Miso Soup are the recipes that he will be teaching. P1,000.00 including all ingredients from 1:00 4:00 p.m.

October 08, Saturday THE SAUSAGE WORKSHOP 1. Recipes from Chef David for you to learn that can be use in business or as gifts. The recipes are Italian Sausage, Morcillas or Blood Sausage, Longganisang Calumpit, Breakfast Pork Sausage, Seafood Sausage, Sulipan Sausage and Chorizo de Jabali. Recipes include all ingredients for P1,000.00 from 10:00 3:00 p.m.

October 09, Sunday THE SAUSAGE WORKSHOP 2. Chef David teaches his favorite exotic sausages like Fresh Pork Sausage with Apple and Dried Onion, Italian Sausage with 3 Cheeses and Red Wine, Duck Sausage with Fresh Sage and Roasted Garlic, Greek Sausage Loukaniko, Tuscan Sausage, Nurnberg Sausage and Sweet Italian Sausage. The workshop includes recipes plus ingredients for P1,000.00 from 10:00 3:00 p.m.

October 11, Tuesday SALADS AND DRESSINGS. Easy to prepare Salad recipes from our Cake-Decorator and Pastry Chef Ana Baluyut that can be served for the coming holidays. The recipes are Tropical Fruit with Banana Dressing, Oriental Chicken Salad, Curried Rice Chicken and Fruit Salad, Thai Pork Salad, Crab Salad and Turkey and Potato Salad. The recipes include all ingredients for P1,200.00 from 10:00 3:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

October 12, Wednesday PULUTAN CLASSICS. Traditional and classic Pulutan fare for the holidays will be demonstrated by Chel Tolo Erfe. The recipes are Sisig, Peppered Tuna Ceviche, Curly Calamari, Chicken Feet with Tausi, Crispy Binagoongang and for P1,200.00 from 11:00 3:00 pm including all ingredients. NEW CLASS.

October 13, Thursday HOMEMADE HOLIDAY GIFTS 1. Chef Gino will teach bottled goodies that are perfect for Christmas give-aways. Recipes include Puttanesca, Salsa, Nacho Cheese Dip, Cilantro Pesto, Classic Pesto, Salad Dressing, Toblerone Fondue and many more. Gift wrapping ideas included for P1,200.00 including ingredients from 11:00 3:00 p.m.

October 14, Friday GIFTS FROM THE KITCHEN. Chef Gene prepares an array of Holiday gifts your friends will appreciate and that are easy to prepare in the shortest possible time. Classic favourites such as Vela de Lomo, Gourmet Tuyo, Grilled White Cheese, Aceitunas Aliñadas, Dulong in Olive oil, Mufuletta and many more. P1,200.00 from 11:00 3:00 p.m. Recipes include all ingredients

October 24, Monday HOMEMADE HOLIDAY GIFTS 2. Once again Chef Gino will teach another set of bottled goodies that are perfect for Christmas giveaways. Recipes include Violet Crumble, Boursin, Butter Caramel Sauce, Homemade Whole Grain Mustard, Nougat, Dried Tomatoes in Oil and Cheese Log for P1,200.00 including all ingredients from 11:00 3:00 pm.

October 26, Wednesday MEDITERRANEAN DISHES FOR THE HOME. Simple yet sumptuous dishes like Beef and Cheese Turtlets (Bocaditos de Queso), Melon and Parma Salad with Strawberry Salsa (Ensalada Melon y Parma con Fresas), Chicken Roulade (Pollo Envuelto), Eggplants with Mushrooms (Berengenas Rellenas), Fish Stew with Garlic Sauce (Suquet de Pescado) and Baked Tomatoes with Ham (Tomates Asados) will be demonstrated by Chef Betina Legarda of Gourmet Palate that can be serve during this holiday season. Recipes include all ingredients from 10:00 2:00 p.m. for P1,500.00. NEW CLASS.

October 27, Thursday PAELLAS & RISOTTOS 3. Bringhe, Arroz con Pollo with Black Beans, Paella Bacalao, Gene's Barley Paella, Prawn and Wild Rice Risotto and Arroz ala Bruta (Dirty Rice from Ibiza) from Chef Gene Gonzalez for P1,200.00. Recipes include all ingredients from 10:00 3:00 p.m.

November 04, Friday PAELLAS & RISOTTOS 1. Recipes from Chef Gene like Wild Mushroom and Saffron Risotto with Parmesan, Seafood Risotto with Proscuitto, Squid Ink Paella, Paella alla Majorcana and Arroz con Mariscos from 10:00 2:00 p.m. for P1,200.00 including all ingredients.

November 05, Saturday HEALTHY COOKING 1: MEDITERRANEAN. Healthy cooking recipes will be demonstrated by Chef David Fajardo, the recipes are Azeitonas (Marinated Olives), Mucver (Zucchini Fritters), Bunuelos (Salt and Cod Fritters), Midye Tavasi (Fried Mussels in Nut Sauce), Salata Melitzano (Grilled Eggplant Salad) and Horiatiki Salata (Greek Salad) for P1,200.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 3:00 p.m. NEW CLASS.

November 06, Sunday PINOY KAKANIN 2. Let Chef David teach you Moron, Tibok-tibok, Kutsinta, Maja Ube, Kalamay na Malagkit, Palitao and Bibingkang Malagkit for P1,000.00 including all ingredients from 10:00 3:00 p.m.

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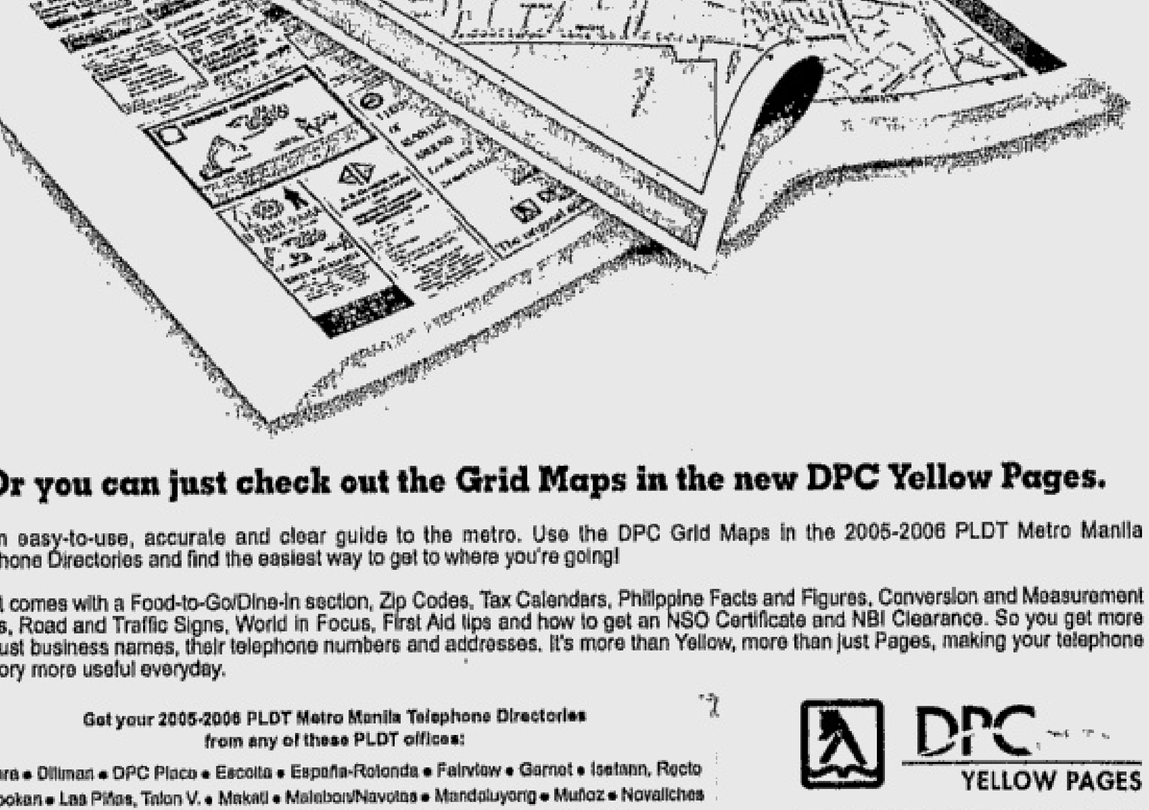

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DINING OUT

HOLIDAY INN GALLERIA MANILA'S RAPHAEL Café-Restaurant features the Flavors of Mediterranean until Nov. 15. Italian favorites like Minestrone Soup, Escarole Salad with Melon and Prosciutti, Artichoke Quiche, Chicken Marsala, Garden Lasagne, Crostini with Mushrooms, Bow Tie Pasta Vongole, Tiramisu, Italian Rice Cake and Panna Cota with Caramel Sauce take center stage. Call 5261212.

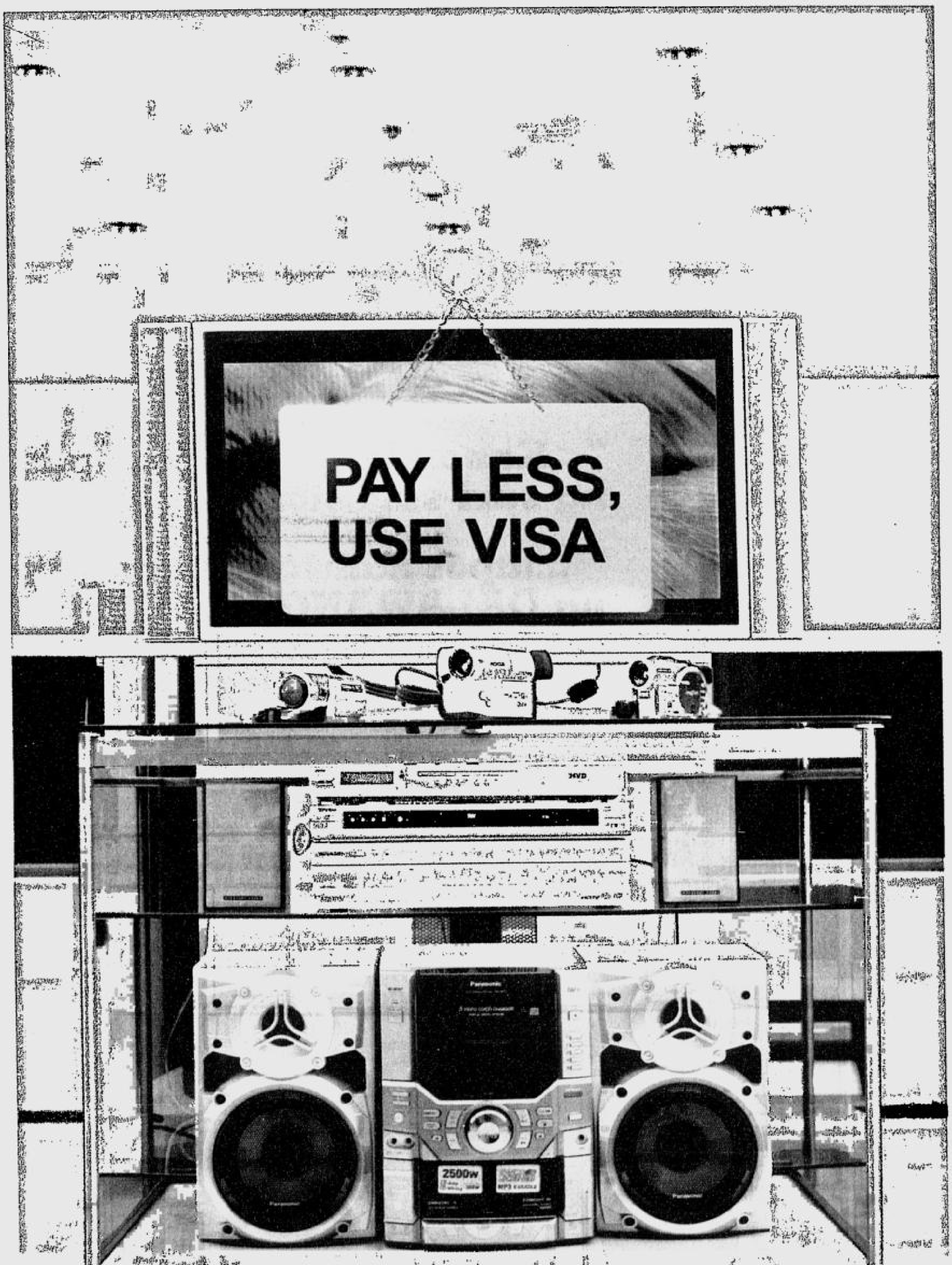
THE SULO HOTEL'S Café Paraiso showcases Kapampangan dishes such as Pangat na Sapsap, Sisig Kapampangan, Chicken Pochero, Rellenong Bell Pepper, Ning Nang Mais until Sept. 30 as part of Pistang Sulo regional food festival. Cagayan Valley will present its specialties on Oct. 3-14 while those of Bicol will be featured on Oct. 17-28. Call 9245051 to 71.

THE RICHMONDE HOTEL'S Richmonde Grill presents the ongoing Weekend Celebrations promo. Every party of 10 gets a six-inch round cake and one round of iced tea on the house. A party of 20 gets an eight-inch round cake, a round of iced tea and gift certificate for buffet lunch for two at the Grill; while a party of 30 gets the same plus gift certificate for an overnight stay in a superior room with buffet breakfast for two. To avail of this offer, dine with a group on a Saturday or Sunday at Richmonde Grill. Parties must consume an average check of P500 per person when ordering a la carte. Call 6387777.

THE WESTIN PHILIPPINE PLAZA'S Café Plaza Too presents As You Like It: Live until Oct. 14. Describe your craving to *sous* chef Marco Legasto and he'll create it for you—live. Appetizers and main dishes feature ingredients like *santol*, cashew, salted egg, black squid ink, *taba ng talangka*, *balut*, *bagoong*, *quesong puti*, mango and yam. Call 5515555.

CHINESE MONK presents Dimsums-in-a-cart. It includes sharksfin, *hakao*, *kutchay*, chicken feet, crabmeat dimsum, siopao and siomai. Chinese Monk is at G/L, Power Plant Mall, Rockwell Center, Makati. Call 8974129.

BURGOO American Bar and Restaurant offers five Irresistible Meals. Pick your choice: Shrimp Arrabiata penne pasta with fresh shrimps, mushrooms, tomatoes, basil and chili flakes, cooked in spicy vodka sauce and garnished with parmesan cheese and parsley; Fish and Chips, fresh fillet of fish, seasoned and breaded then deep-fried; Oriental Chicken Rice, chicken fillet cooked with fresh tomatoes, onions and green peppers in Oriental sauce; Roast Beef Rice, tender beef slices cooked with garlic and bell pepper in onion-mushroom sauce; and Classic Pork Chop, tender pork chop marinated and grilled. Call 9277424, 6875254 or 8971815 to 17.



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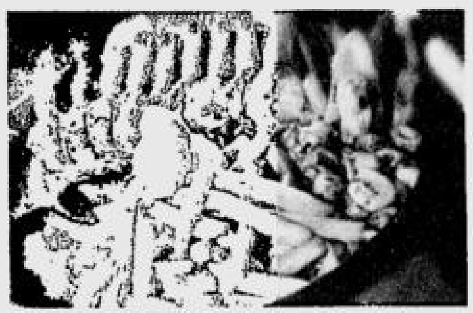

FISH & CO.'S seafood platter feast has dory fish, calamari, tiger prawns served with chips and Fish & Co. rice, perfect for sharing.

Go fish in this new resto

THIS NEW RESTAURANT HAS GOT sole. It also has mussels and, more importantly, fish and chips.

Fish & Co. has opened in Greenbelt 3 and will open another outlet on Oct. 28 at Shangri-La Mall Edsa.

The new restaurant, with a nautical theme for its interiors, will serve mussels, calamari and, of course, fish and chips. It will offer seafood platters and their own concoctions of drinks and desserts.

The seafood platter includes Dory fish, calamari, tiger prawns with chips and special Fish & Co. rice. Pasta dishes are made with a seafood twist such as the prawn fettuccine with chili cream sauce.

A brainchild of Ricky Chew and Lambert Yeo, Fish & Co. began in Singapore. The partners wanted to provide a new mid-level fish and seafood restaurant with an international and contemporary flair and selection.

Opened in December 1998 in Singapore, Fish & Co. has opened branches in Malaysia, Middle East, Australia, Indonesia and China. And now Fish & Co. has opened its first outlet in the Philippines.

Oktoberfest

Manila celebrates Oktoberfest

MANDARIN ORIENTAL MANILA JOINS THE celebration of the German Month by staging Oktoberfest 2005, 7 p.m.-1 a.m., Oct. 7-8, at the NBC Tent in Bonifacio Global City.

The event is supported by Siemens, Lufthansa German Airlines, Lufthansa Technik Philippines, Lifestyle Network, The Philippine Star, NBC, San Miguel and the German Club.

Helmut Gaisberger, Mandarin Oriental's general manager, said the hotel's Oktoberfest, now on its fifth year, was the closest thing to the authentic Bavarian festival one could get in the Philippines.

Oktoberfest 2005 promises two nights of free-flowing beer, all-night buffet of German specialities; entertainment from Munich's 11-piece Bavarian Sound Express, led by Robert Birnbrier; raffle and games and nonstop dancing. Also featured are beer-drinking and yodeling contests.

Mandarin's food and beverage team headed by executive assistant manager for food and beverage David Thomas and executive chef Thomas Wenger is preparing typical German fare.

Proceeds of the event will go to the German School Manila Foundation scholarship fund. Tickets sell for P1,750 net.

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LIFESTYLE

A BEER-Y easy recipe /D2

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A sip of sparkling potpourri

The wine is a subtle, sweet explosion of scents and flavors

KITCHEN RESCUE

Reggie Aspiras

HOW DO I THANK OSCAR AND MARNIE Ong for one of the most delicate, crisp and refreshing dessert wines I've ever sampled?

Michele Chiarlo, Italy, "Nivole" Moscato d'Asti" is a must-try! Best description I could give—sparkling potpourri! Every sip is a subtle, sweet explosion of scents and flavors. Flowers and blossoms, fruits and berries, a true sense tickler! Serve very chilled, best at 8-10 degrees. Great for the holidays! Call Bacchus at 8924283, 8135022, 6347303.

What are your thoughts on this? A delicate curd cheesecake, adorned with *carabao* milk sticks, drizzled with caramel sauce? Doren Tayag's Dulce de Leche Cheesecake is delicious and so is her Pinoy white salad (tel. 0917-5312712).

I'm still hung up on *durian*. So here are two of my favorite recipes that are always top hits!

Durian Souffle with White Chocolate Sauce

2 tbsp butter
2 tbsp flour
1/3 c sugar
1 c *durian* pulp, mashed
4 egg yolks
2 tbsp dark rum
8 egg whites

Brush ramekins with butter and sprinkle with sugar.

Pre-heat oven 375°F.

Melt butter in a saucepan.

Whisk in flour, add sugar.

Add *durian* pulp.

Cook until the mixture is translucent.

Cool mixture and add yolks and rum.

Beat egg whites with 1 tablespoon of sugar until stiff peaks are formed.

Fold the whites gently into the yolk mixture.

Pour into ramekins.

Bake 10-12 minutes until puffed and golden.

Serve with sauce.

White chocolate sauce:

1 c whipping cream
200 g good quality white chocolate, chopped
1 tbsp butter

Bring cream to a gentle boil in a saucepan.

Turn off fire, add white chocolate, whisk until smooth.

Add butter.

Khao Niao Mun (Thai Sticky Rice with Durian or Mangoes)

½ k glutinous rice, preferably Thai
2 tsp salt
3/4-1 c sugar, adjust sweetness to taste
3 grated coconuts, add 1 c warm water and squeeze to get 2 ½ c of coconut milk

Soak rice for at least 3 hours.

Drain and steam on a steamer lined with cheesecloth until rice is soft.

In a saucepan, combine coconut milk, sugar and salt. Mix until heated through and sugar dissolves.

Set aside 1 cup of the mixture to serve with sticky rice.

Transfer steamed rice to a bowl and add the remaining 1 ½ c of warmed coconut milk. Mix vigorously until rice absorbs the mixture. Do this procedure while both milk and rice are hot otherwise, rice will not absorb the milk.

Let mixture sit for 30 minutes before serving.

Serve with fresh *durian* or mangoes and 1 cup of reserved coconut milk

Finally, your questions...

Leche Flan

Do you have a *leche flan* recipe? I've been in search of a creamy one. Please help. It's my grandfather's birthday and my *lola* used to make the best but none of us learned it.

ISAY

This is my mom's recipe from her mom, which was from my *lola's lola*. So, genealogy-wise, this should cut it! I've tried many but this remains my favorite, love the creamy texture!

NIVOLE
Michele Chiarlo

1/3 c water
2/3 sugar

Combine in a saucepan and cook until amber in color. Pour on buttered mold.

8 large yolks
1 big can condensed milk
1/3 c evaporated milk, Alpine
1/3 c water

Mix lightly and pour into mold.

Cover with foil and steam for 40 minutes.

Packaging needs

I make sweets for Christmas, I need a box supplier. Can you recommend anyone?

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P2,500 - OCT. 17 - Cakes: plain, mocha, choco, orange chiffon cakes, pound cake, sponge cake, moist choco cake.
P2,500 - OCT. 18 - Cakes & Roll: malacañang roll, chocolate roll, brownies, pineapple upside-down, custard cake, mamon.
P2,750 - OCT. 19 - Breads: pan de sal, dinner rolls, buns, pan de coco, ensaymada, honey bread & white bread.
P2,500 - OCT. 20 - Pies: Buko pie, custard pie, pineapple pie, apple pie, mango pie, caramel tart.
P2,750 - OCT. 21 - Pastries & Cookies: almond tart, San Nicolas cookies, camachile, oatmeal cookies, lengua de gato, coconut macaroons NEXT SCHED: NOV. 21 - 25
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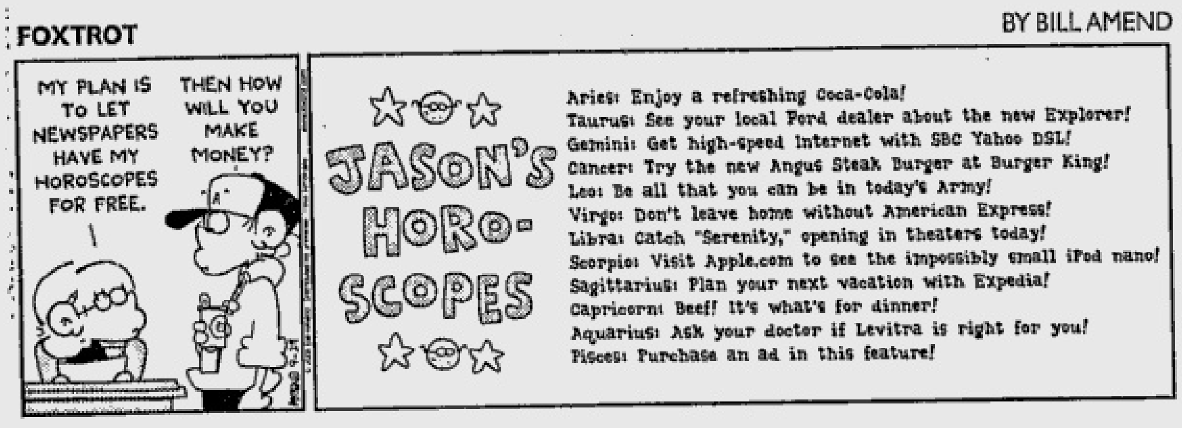
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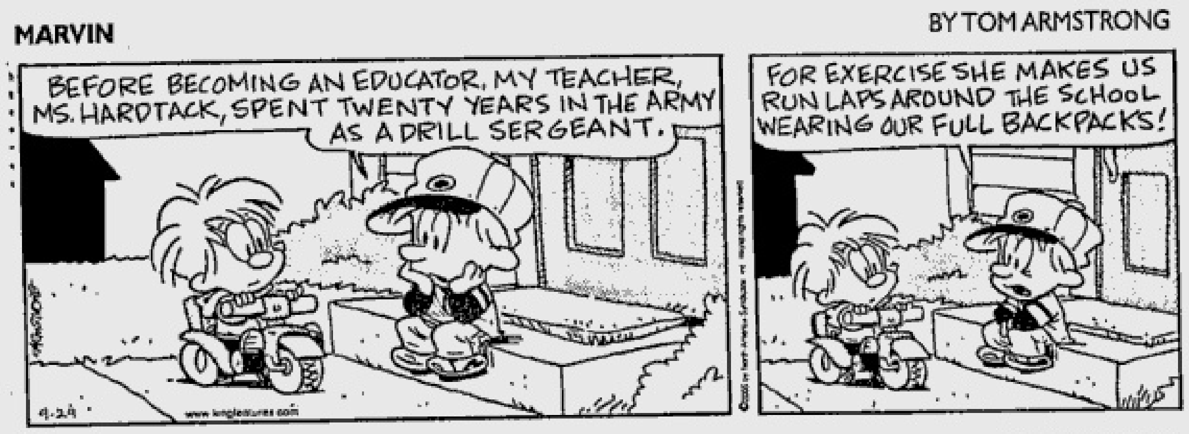
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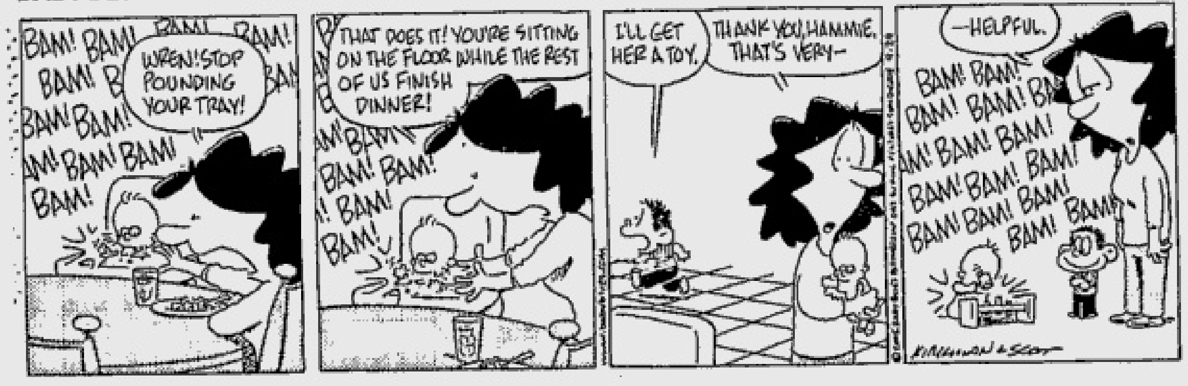
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WREN! STOP POUNDING YOUR TRAY!
THAT DOES IT! YOU'RE SITTING ON THE FLOOR WHILE THE REST OF US FINISH DINNER!
BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM!
I'LL GET HER A TOY.
THANK YOU, HAMMIE. THAT'S VERY—
—HELPFUL.
BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM! BAM!
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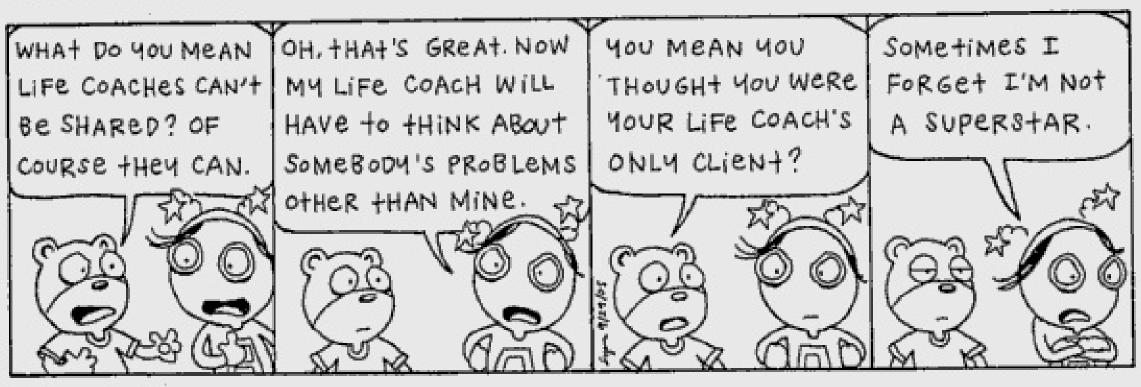
WHAT DO YOU MEAN LIFE COACHES CAN'T BE SHARED? OF COURSE THEY CAN.
OH, THAT'S GREAT. NOW MY LIFE COACH WILL HAVE TO THINK ABOUT SOMEBODY'S PROBLEMS OTHER THAN MINE.
YOU MEAN YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE YOUR LIFE COACH'S ONLY CLIENT?
SOMETIMES I FORGET I'M NOT A SUPERSTAR.

HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

YOU BORN TODAY: You're practical, reliable, capable and very street smart. You know how to do things. You don't kid yourself. Many of you have excellent technical skills. All of you are intense. This year you will move on from something you've been involved with for roughly a decade. Time for a change.
Birthdate of: Emily Lloyd, actress; Bryant Gumbel, TV journalist; Gene Autry, cowboy/actor.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): This is a good time to patch up misunderstandings with partners and close friends. Your ability to see things from somebody else's point of view is excellent today.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): You might not feel too much like working today. You would rather listen to music or fantasize about doing something else. It's hard to keep your concentration focused.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): This is a wonderful day for artistic activities. Your imagination is stimulated! Don't worry about wasting time. Give yourself an opportunity to express yourself creatively.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): This is an excellent day for a gentle, heart-to-heart discussion with a family member. You might even talk about wishes, dreams and fantasies. People are inclined to open up today. (Be a sympathetic listener.)

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Conversations won't revolve around practical matters today. Quite the opposite! You're tempted to spend a lot of time daydreaming today. That's OK, we all need to do this at times.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): You might want to spend money on luxurious items today. Or you might want to give money to charities and those who are needy. The stars can trigger both these influences in you today. (Curious, isn't it?)

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): You're much more sensitive to everything around you today. That's why it's easy to have a sympathetic attitude to others. You feel genuine concern for people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): You might be concerned about your dreams, or remembering your dreams more than usual right now. Something that is hidden seems to come to the surface of your mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): This is a good day to join forces with others to try to help those who are needy. Many people making a little effort can accomplish much.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Conversations with authority figures (parents, bosses and the like) might be unusually personal and revealing today. People have their guard down. They're looking for answers.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): This is a wonderful day to study mystical and spiritual subjects. You want to understand things far beyond their practical meaning. You want answers to big questions!

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): Your intuition is very strong today. By all means, trust your gut hunches. You're always quite intuitive, but today, you can practically read people's minds!

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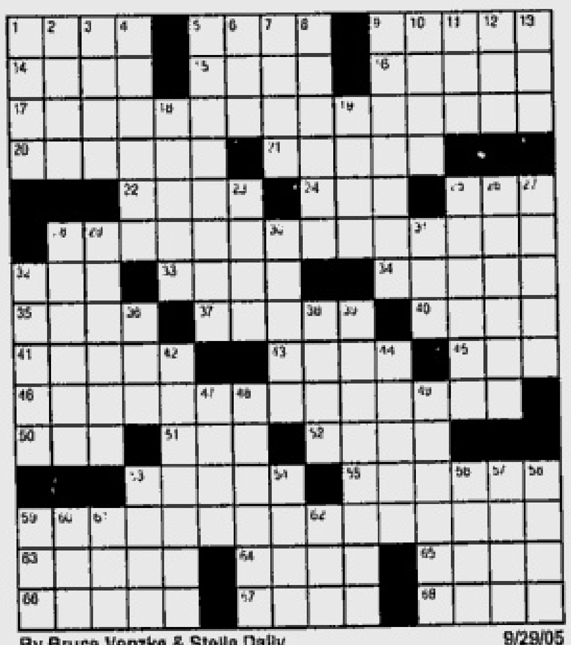
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1 Ticklish Muppet
5 Season in Eden?
9 Impish rogue
14 Inert gas
15 Bread spread
16 Gumption
17 Start of classic quip
20 Playful prankster
21 Express
22 Bard's river
24 Addams Family cousin
25 First half of a C&W show
28 Part 2 of quip
32 Winter ATV, __-Cat
33 Way to go, south of the border
34 What there was in Mudville
35 Handle of a sword
37 Unskilled workers
40 Distort
41 Book of maps
43 Pouting face
45 C&W fan's channel
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50 Barroom spigot
51 Makeup of the Marne?
52 Jettison
53 Heroic sagas
55 Gets used to
59 End of quip
63 "Cheers" barmaid
64 So long, in Soho
65 Sgts., e.g.
66 Flowed back
67 Rel. honorary title
68 Popeye's Olive, et al.

DOWN
1 __'acle
2 Han Solo's love
3 May honorees
4 Like some garages
5 Sequel
6 Pugilist Lalla
7 Wine dregs
8 Went nuts
9 Infatuated
10 Clean coal
11 Woodshed item
12 Ms. Farrow
13 Farm enclosure
18 Express a bias
19 Strip of wood
23 Part of a scale
25 Take by force
26 Huge, to Hugo
27 Nile country
28 "Peer Gynt" dancer
29 Furl
30 Watts of "Le Divorce"
31 Holy cow!
32 Miner's passage
36 Mai __ cocktail
38 Words from naysayers
39 Japanese eatery
42 Mom's second husband
44 Dementieva of tennis
47 Mediocre
48 Trademark thermoplastic
49 Beats me
53 She, in Paris
54 Unsolicited e-mail
56 Risque
57 Organic compound
58 Be mouthy
59 Top pitcher
60 Slap the cuffs on
61 Celestial body
62 French summer

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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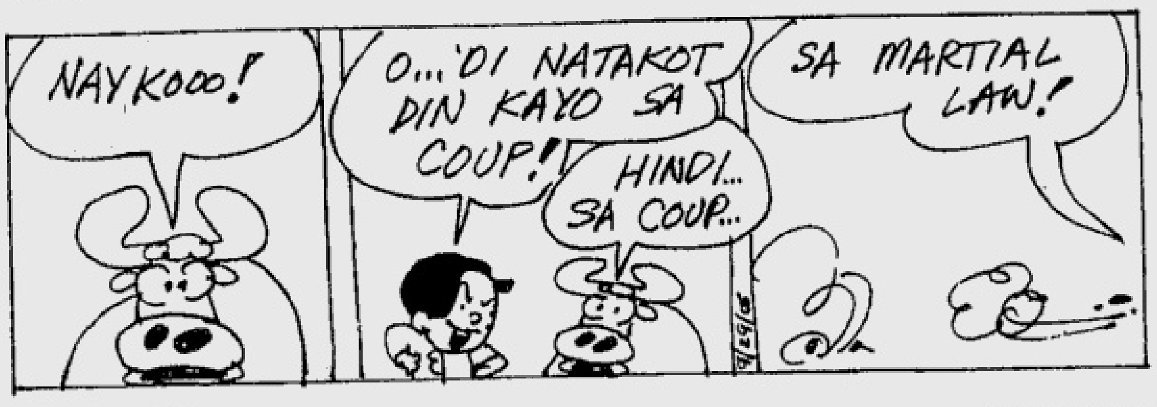
NAYKOOO!
O... 'DI NATAKOT DIN KAYO SA COUP!
HINDI... SA COUP...
SA MARTIAL LAW!

PUGAD BABOY

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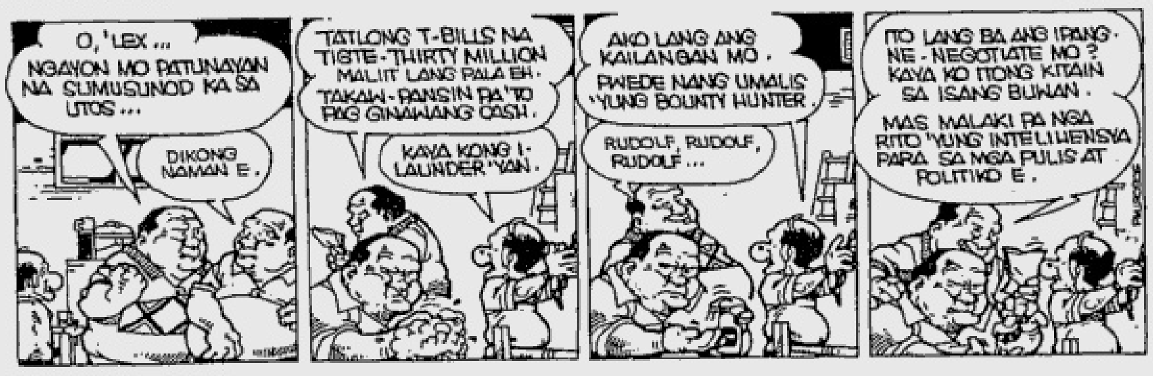
O, 'LEX ... NGAYON MO PATUNAYAN NA SUMUSUNOD KA SA UTOS ...
DIKONG NAMAN E.
TATLONG T-BILLS NA TIGTE-THIRTY MILLION MALIIT LANG PALA EH. TAKAW-PANSIN PA 'TO PAG GINAWANG CASH.
KAYA KONG I-LAUNDER 'YAN.
AKO LANG ANG KAILANGAN MO. PWEDE NANG UMALIS 'YUNG BOUNTY HUNTER.
RUDOLF, RUDOLF, RUDOLF ...
ITO LANG BA ANG IPANG-NE-NEGOTIATE MO? KAYA KO ITONG KITAIN SA ISANG BUWAN.
MAS MALAKI PA NGA RITO 'YUNG INTELIHENSYA PARA SA MGA PULIS AT POLITIKO E.

MUTTS

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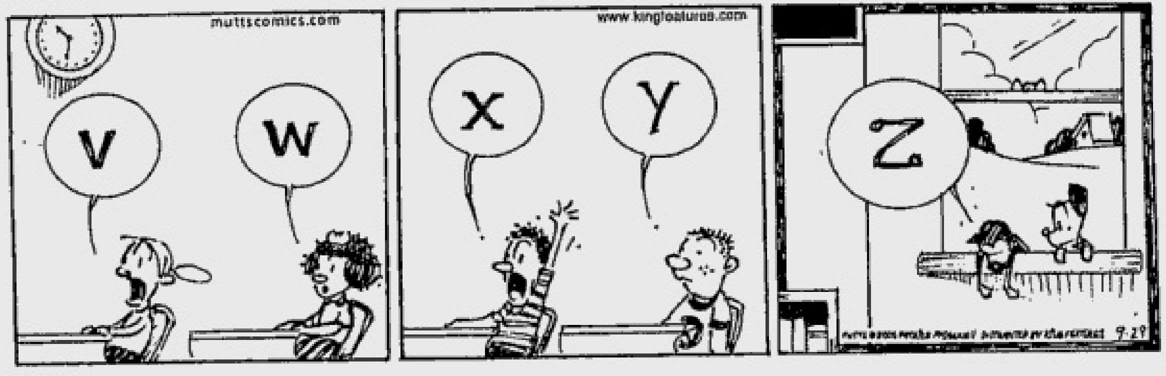
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DIVINE COMEDY

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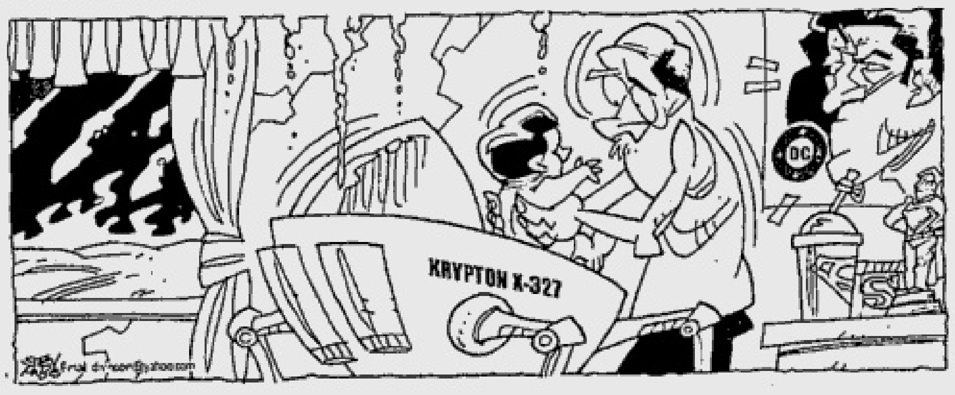
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A SUPER-MAN FAN AND THE END OF THE WORLD

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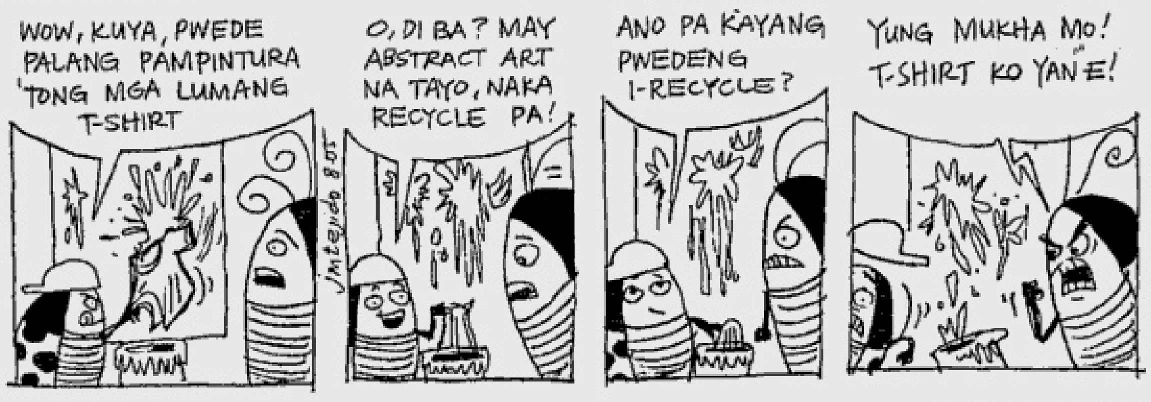
WOW, KUYA, PWEDE PALANG PAMPINTURA 'TONG MGA LUMANG T-SHIRT
O, DI BA? MAY ABSTRACT ART NA TAYO, NAKA RECYCLE PA!
ANO PA KAYANG PWEDENG I-RECYCLE?
YUNG MUKHA MO! T-SHIRT KO YAN E!
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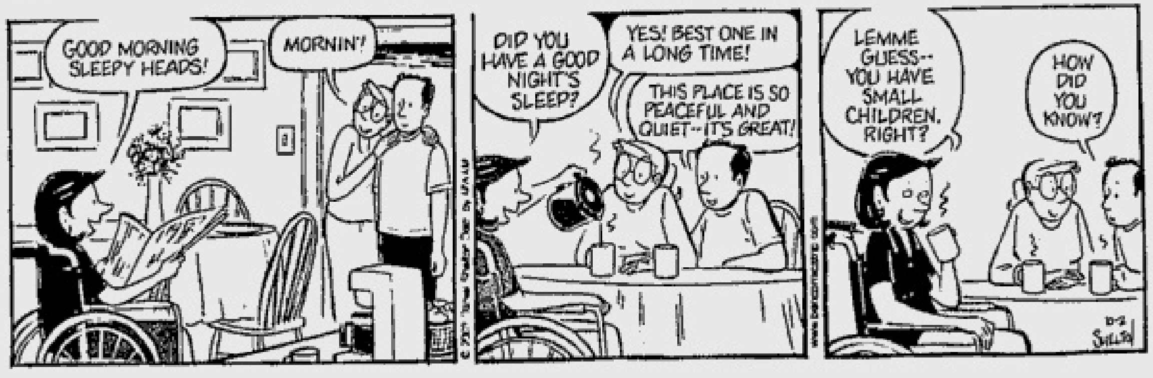
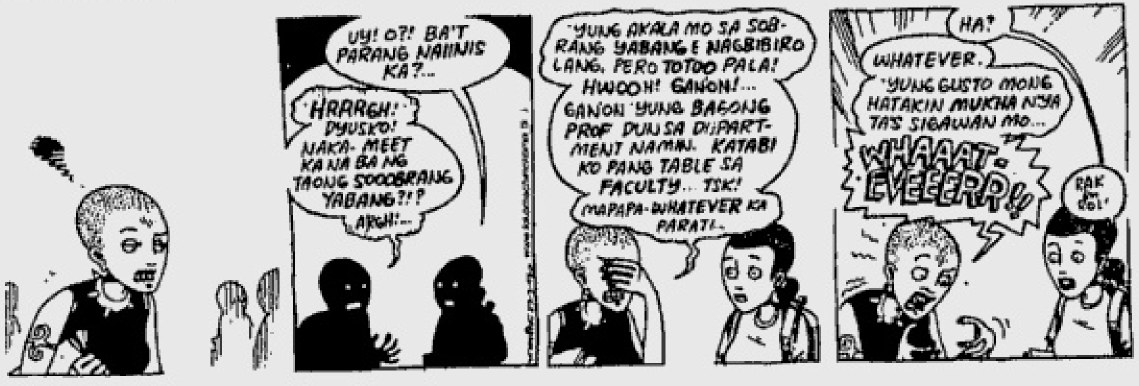
BEN

BY DANIEL SHELTON


GOOD MORNING SLEEPY HEADS!
MORNIN'!
DID YOU HAVE A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP?
YES! BEST ONE IN A LONG TIME!
THIS PLACE IS SO PEACEFUL AND QUIET--IT'S GREAT!
LEMME GUESS-- YOU HAVE SMALL CHILDREN. RIGHT?
HOW DID YOU KNOW?
SHELTON

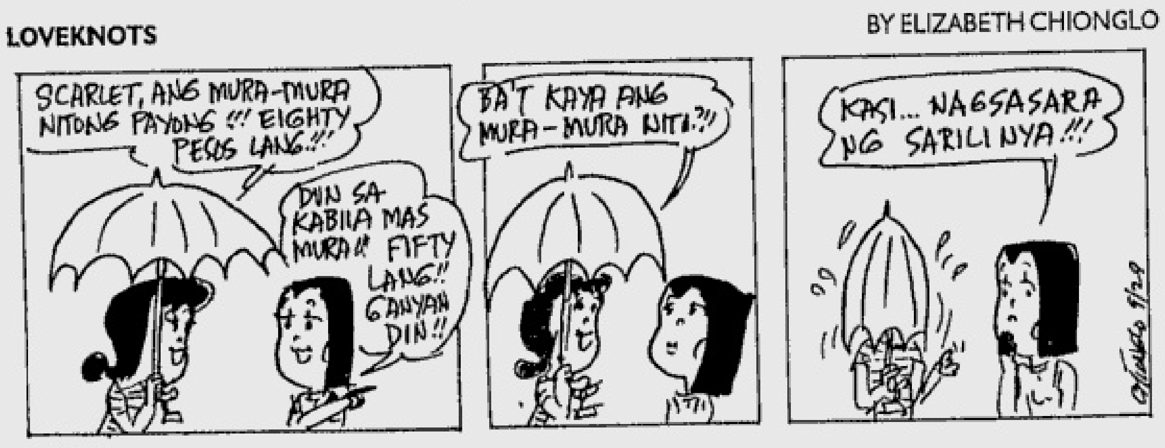
KIKO MACHINE

BY MANIX ABRERA


UY! O?! BA'T PARANG NAIINIS KA?...
HRARGH! DYUSKO! NAKA-MEET KA NA BA NG TAONG SOOOBRANG YABANG?!? ARGH!...
'YUNG AKALA MO SA SOBRANG YABANG E NAGBIBIRO LANG. PERO TOTOO PALA! HWOOH! GANON!... GANON 'YUNG BAGONG PROF DUN SA DEPARTMENT NAMIN. KATABI KO PANG TABLE SA FACULTY... TSK! MAPAPA-WHATEVER KA PARAT!...
HA?
WHATEVER.
'YUNG GUSTO MONG HATAKIN MUKHA NYA TAS SIGAWAN MO...
WHAAAT-EVEEERR!!
RAK EN ROL!

LOVEKNOTS

BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


SCARLET, ANG MURA-MURA NITONG PAYONG!!! EIGHTY PESOS LANG!!
DUN SA KABILA MAS MURA!! FIFTY LANG!! GANYAN DIN!!
BA'T KAYA ANG MURA-MURA NITO?!!
KASI... NAGSASARA NG SARILI NYA!!!
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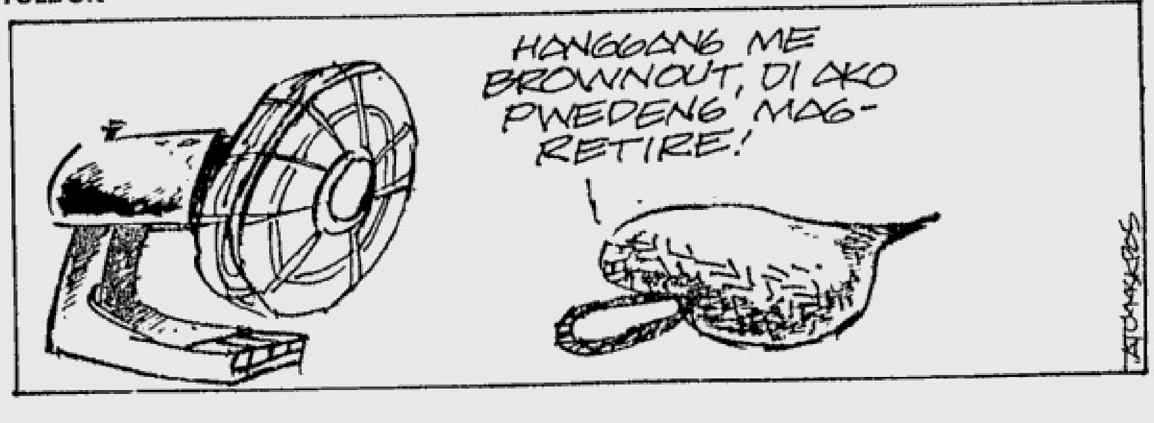
BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING


HANGGANG ME BROWNOUT, DI AKO PWEDENG MAG-RETIRE!

A beer-y easy recipe

Text by Vangie Baga-Reyes
Photos by Ryan Lim

HUMBA IS A PORK DISH BRAISED IN sugar, soy sauce, star anise and peanuts. Some cooks put banana blossoms, *tausi* (salted black beans) or sprigs of oregano to give added flavor and aroma.

The dish is a favorite in many Filipino celebrations. The braised pork belly has melt-in-your-mouth goodness, as it is cooked in slow fire. Stewing pork in soy sauce is obviously Chinese-influenced but Filipinos have come up with a variety of techniques and methods in preparing this pork recipe.

Adding a few more ingredients to its sauce, including beer and *panocha*, makes the dish even more flavorful.

"Humba is a little sweet and more aromatic than our typical pork *adobo*," says *sous* chef Joan Limoanco of Dusit Hotel Nikko's Fiesta San Miguel (tel. 8673333). "Traditional *humba* begins with a pre-boiled slab of pork belly, marinated in various sauces and spices, kept overnight in a fridge and braised the following day."

Marinating is necessary because of the thickness of the meat.

"The addition of beer in the sauce heightens the taste of the meat, while the *panocha* gives that sweet zest," says Limoanco.

Panocha (or *panutsa*) is a brown concentrate evaporated from sugarcane extract. It is available in supermarkets.

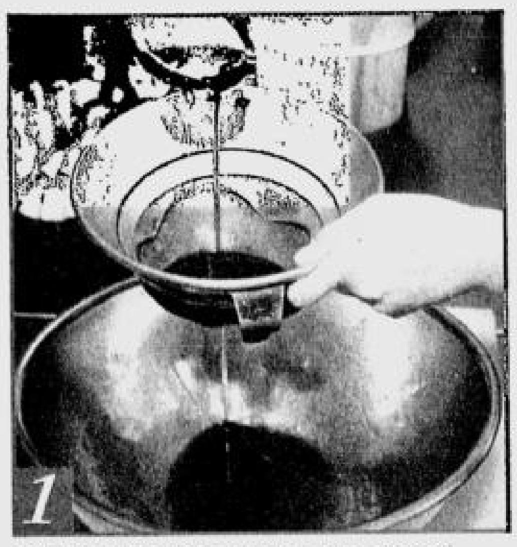
Chef Limoanco calls her version of this pork dish Serbesang Humba. It is served on a bed of broccoli leaves. You can replace broccoli leaves with *pechay*, mustard leaves or *kangkong*. You may also grill other vegetables like okra or eggplant as sidings.

Ingredients

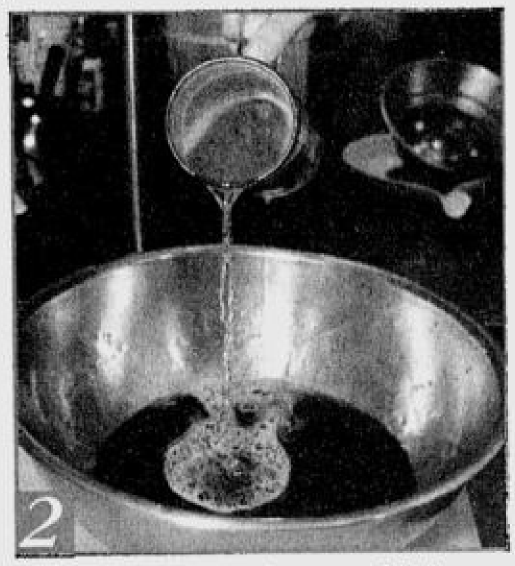
For marinade:
1 tablet panocha
500 ml water
700 ml San Miguel Beer Pale Pilsen
250 ml dark soy sauce
125 ml light soy sauce
2 tbsp ground black pepper
500 g pork belly, cut into 5x5-inch slabs
2 tbsp cornstarch, dissolved in ½ c water
60 ml corn oil
250 g broccoli leaves, trimmed
30 g garlic, minced
Salt and pepper to taste
For garnishing:
Garlic chips
Spring onions

For suggestions, e-mail the author at vbaga@inquirer.com.ph

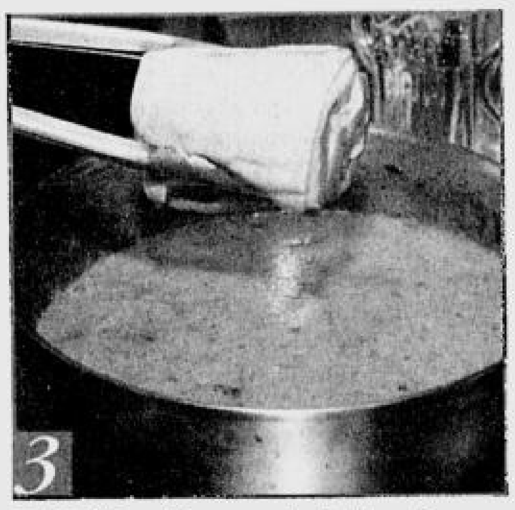
STEP BY STEP



IN A SAUCEPAN, combine *panocha* and water and bring to a boil. Cook until the panocha has completely dissolved and the mixture has turned mildly syrupy. Pass the syrup through a strainer and let it cool for a few minutes.

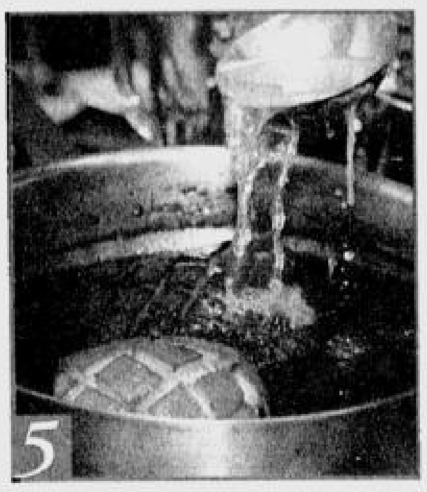


IN A BOWL, combine the syrup with the beer, soy sauce and pepper. Add the pork to the marinade. Marinate the pork, skin side up, overnight in the chiller.

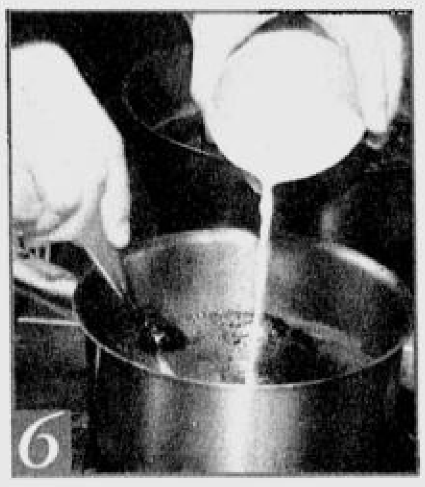


REMOVE pork from marinade. Transfer marinade into a saucepan and bring to a boil. Blanch the pork for 3-5 minutes.

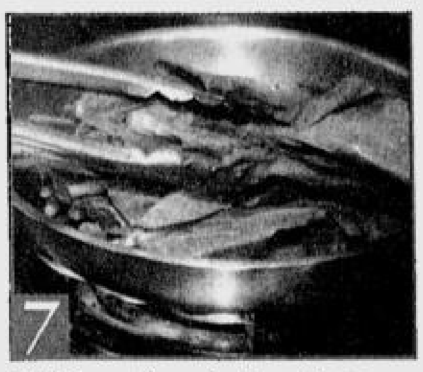
WITH a sharp knife, score the skin/rind of the pork. Heat oil in a medium-sized wok or deep-fryer. Deep fry the pork for a minute. Remove the pork from the oil and return to the simmering marinade.



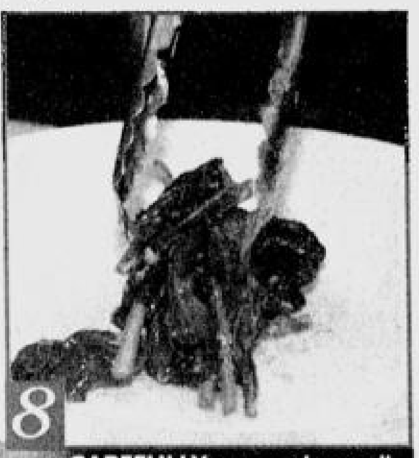
LET it cook for an hour or until the pork is fork tender. Add more water or stock, just enough to cover the pork. When the pork is tender, remove from the liquid. Let it rest for 10 minutes.



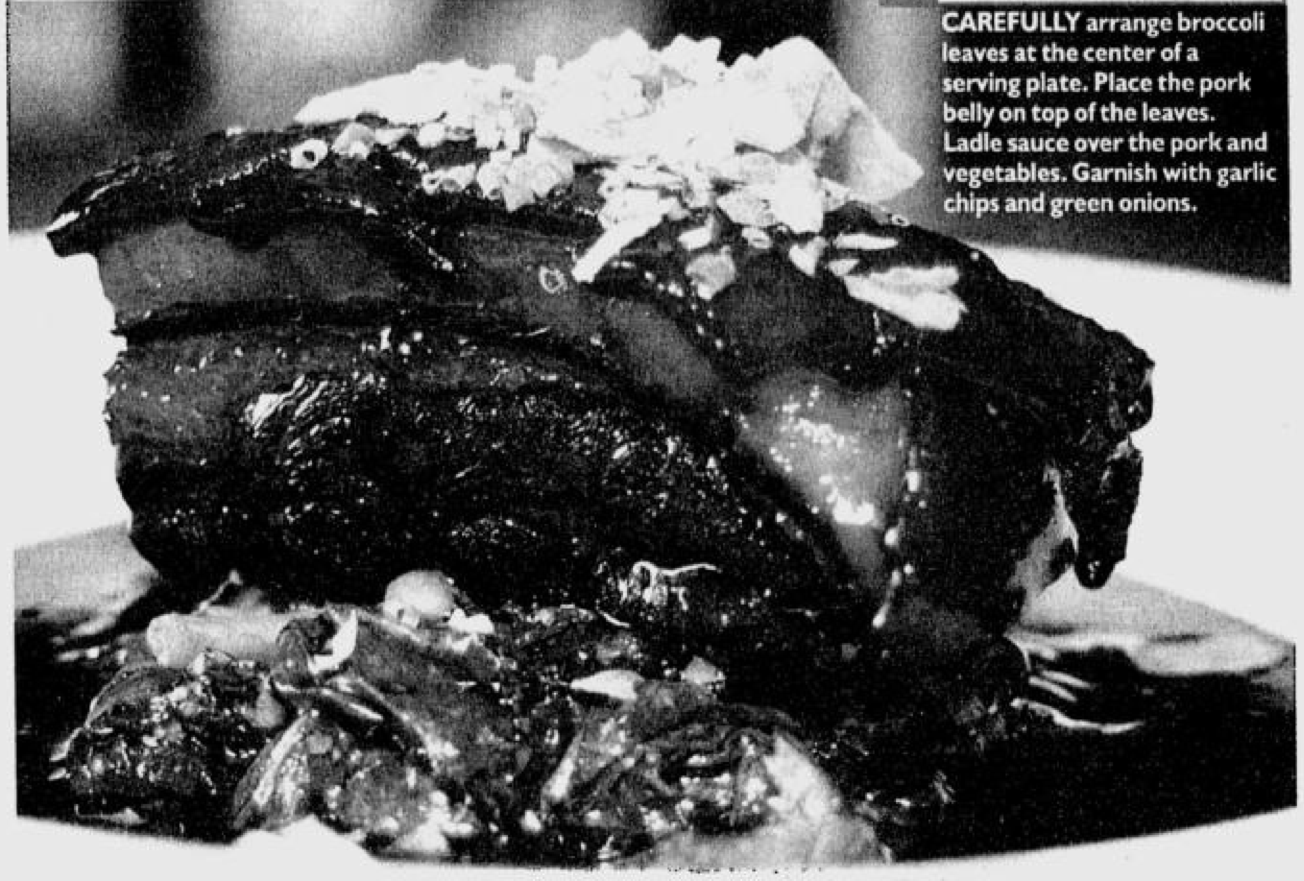
PASS the liquid through a strainer, then return to heat and let it boil for a few minutes. Adjust seasoning. Gradually stir in the cornstarch and water mixture (slurry). Stir the sauce continuously to prevent clumps from forming. Set aside.



HEAT a medium-sized sauté pan. Add oil and sauté the broccoli leaves. Add garlic and season with salt and pepper.



CAREFULLY arrange broccoli leaves at the center of a serving plate. Place the pork belly on top of the leaves. Ladle sauce over the pork and vegetables. Garnish with garlic chips and green onions.


SERBESANG Humba

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A sip of sparkling potpourri

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I'd like to thank my San Miguel family: Purefoods, Monterey and Magnolia for supporting me in this endeavor.

On Oct. 11, The Gourmet Cucinera series begins, cooking classes that cater to household cooks and helpers. My assistants Cynthia and Julius will be conducting the classes and will be teaching my recipes, made simple and economical, from everyday dishes to party food, in Filipino!

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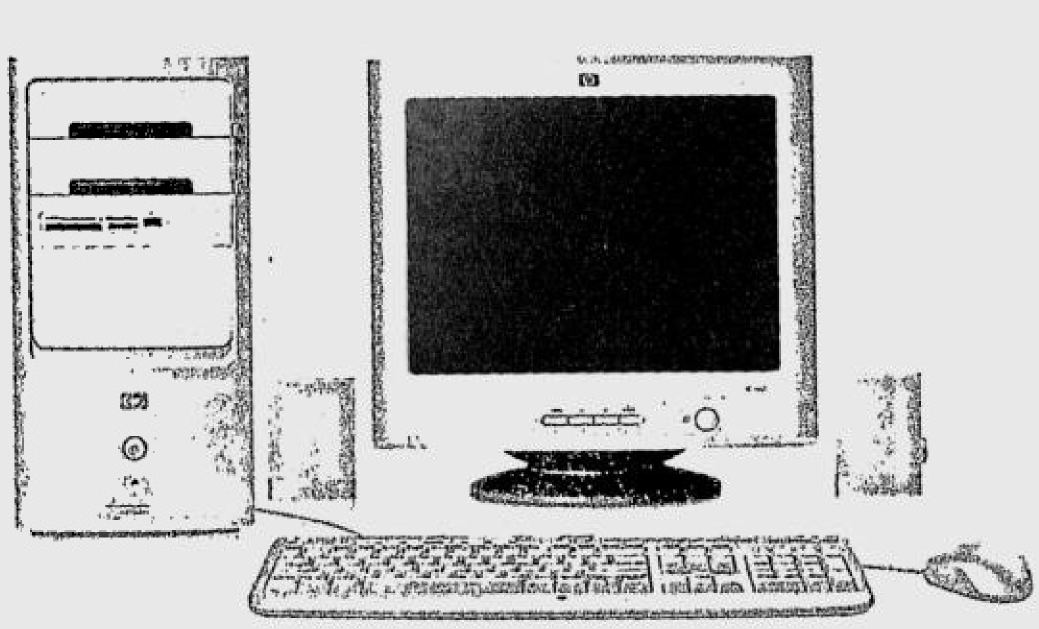

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Lola Cecilia's Suman sa Lihiya

PDI FAMILY RECIPE CONTEST

By Dori Rodriguez-Ceniza

DECEMBER IS JUST around the corner. *Simbang gabi* reminds me of many *suman* in the past, waking up to the aroma of my Lola Cecilia's Suman sa Lihiya waiting at the table, ready to be sold in the neighborhood. It reminds me of how it was tediously prepared.

Preparation of *suman* was started on the morning of Dec. 15 with a tub of soaked *malagkit* rice treated with lye (*lihiya*) wrapped in banana leaves and boiled for two hours until done.

An empty can of cooking oil on top of a charcoal stove had served as cauldron for cooking. Being a *lola*'s girl during my childhood days, watching my *lola* prepare this recipe gave me much joy.

Even now, remembering it makes me happy whenever I feel gloomy.

Then, I would insist on helping but the only task given to me would be to wilt the banana leaves by placing them on top of embers to make them more pliable. Precious lessons, like "*tantsa-tantsa lang*" (no measuring cups, just "guesstimates") were taught in the process. Improvements were made when mistakes were committed.

Suman wrapping was an art in itself. Nowadays, a pair of *suman* is tied with plastic straw, but in the past, my *lola* used raffia strings.

Our *suman* was very traditional, with no sauces. Freshly grated coconut meat with a little sugar served as topping for the piping hot *suman sa lihiya*. The coconut meat should be scraped finely from the shell in a *kudkuran* .

Grating the coconut meat was fun because it's done manually using an improvised grater my Tiyo Peping made. Our *kudkuran* looks like a wooden horse and is still in our possession.

Our *suman sa lihiya* ceased to exist when my *lola* passed away. We now buy it from the market but it's not the same as the *suman* my *lola* used to make.

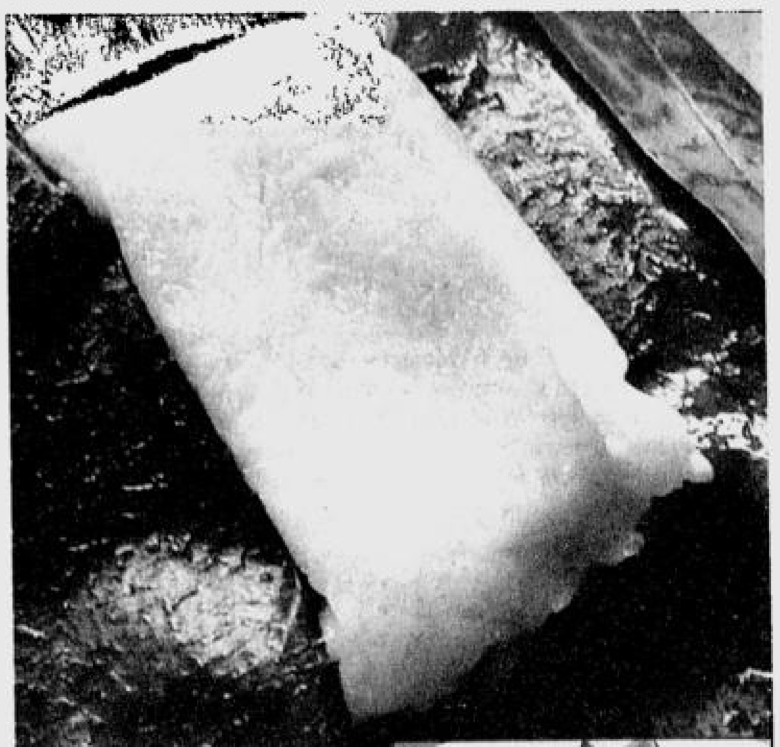
It's now up to me—a third generation member of the family—to carry on the tradition of cooking Lola Cecilia's Suman sa Lihiya.

I now share with you her recipe and hope that you, too, will enjoy it. For me, her spirit lives on with her Suman sa Lihiya.

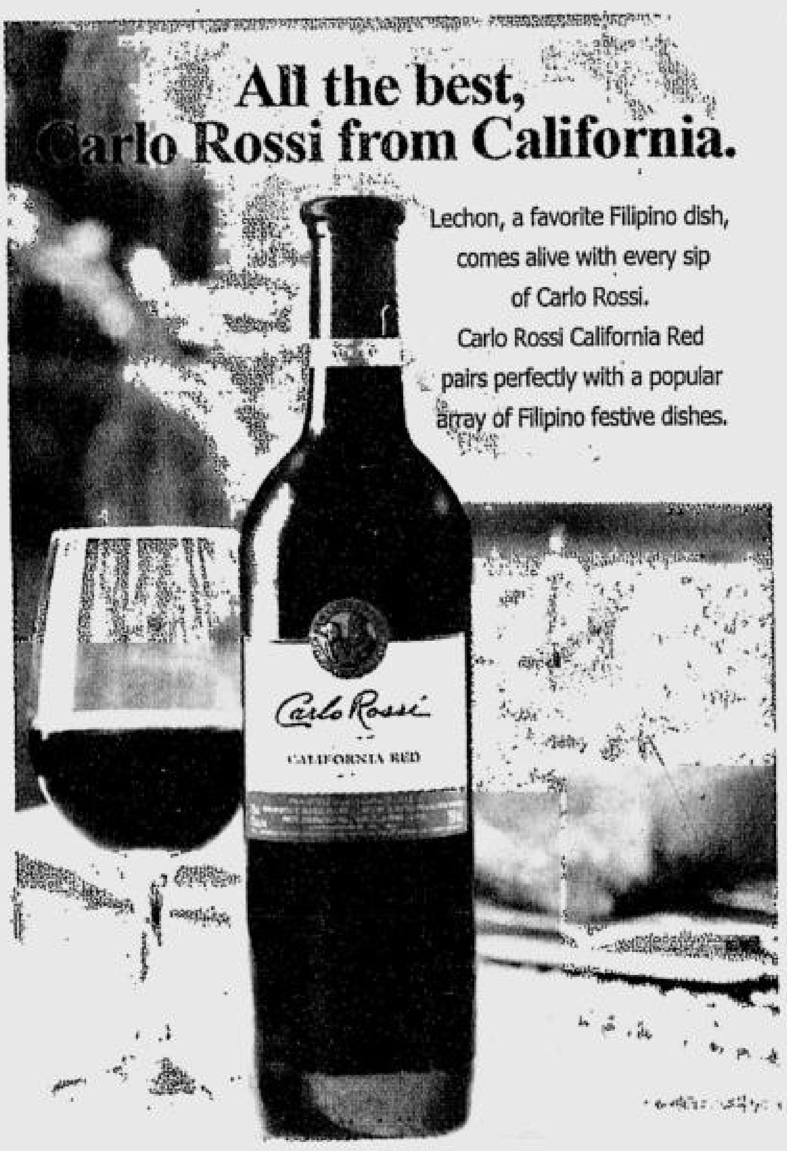
Suman sa Lihiya

2 c *malagkit* rice soaked for 1 hour in 2 c of water
5 tsp lye (*lihiya*) extract
1 tsp salt
grated coconut and sugar

Wash the *malagkit* rice three times and drain. Add lye extract and salt to the drained rice. Prepare the banana leaves. Wilt the leaves over a flame and cut each leaf into pieces measuring 22 cm x 20 cm. Place two banana leaves, one on top of the other, on a board and place 6 tbsp of the *malagkit* mixture at the center of the leaves. Tightly fold the edges of the leaves toward the center and tuck the ends under each piece. Bind two *suman* together with a string (raffia or straw). Put leaves at the bottom of the pan and arrange the *suman* on them. Fill pan with enough water to cover the *suman*, then boil for two hours or until the *malagkit* is cooked. Cool. Remove the banana wrapper and serve the *suman* with grated coconut and sugar on top.



SUMAN sa Lihiya



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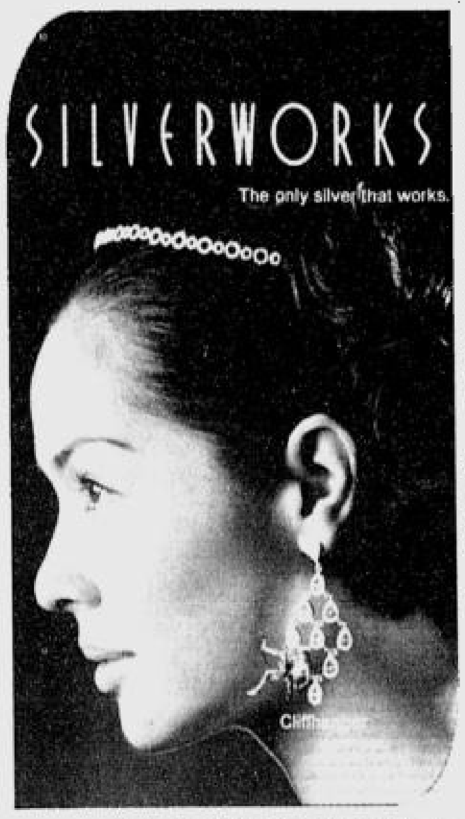
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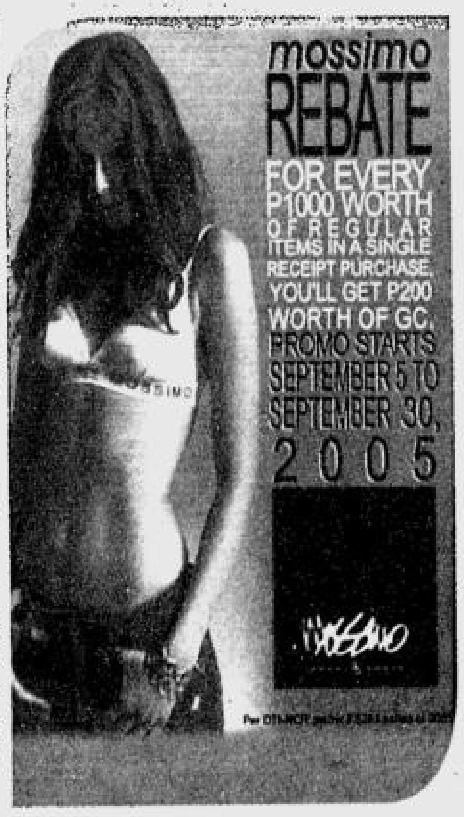

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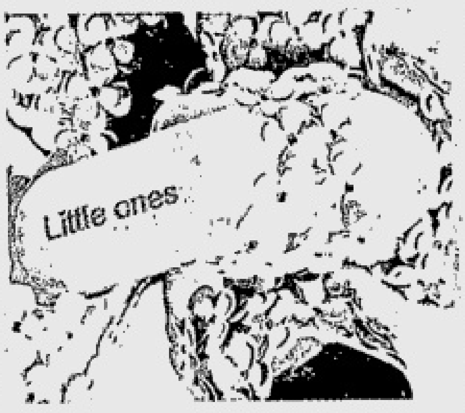
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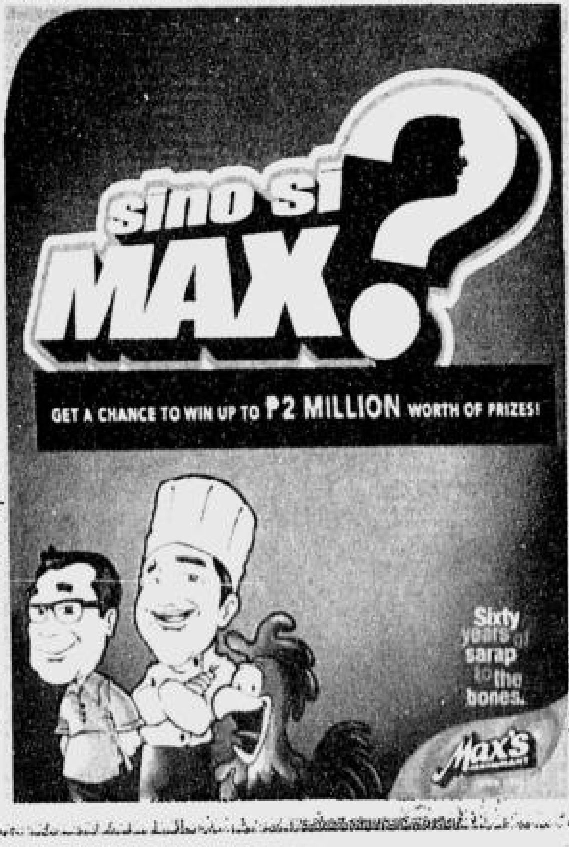
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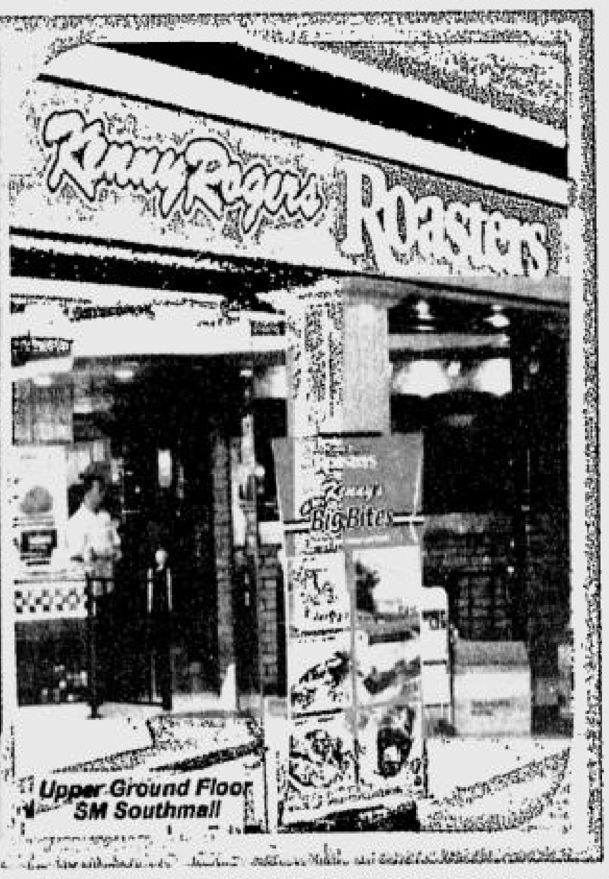
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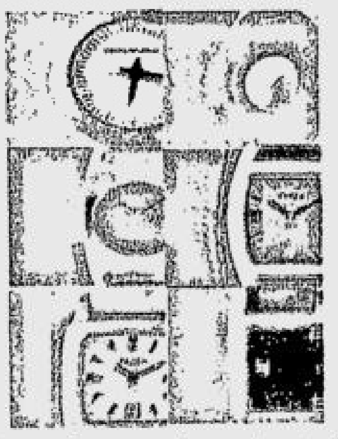

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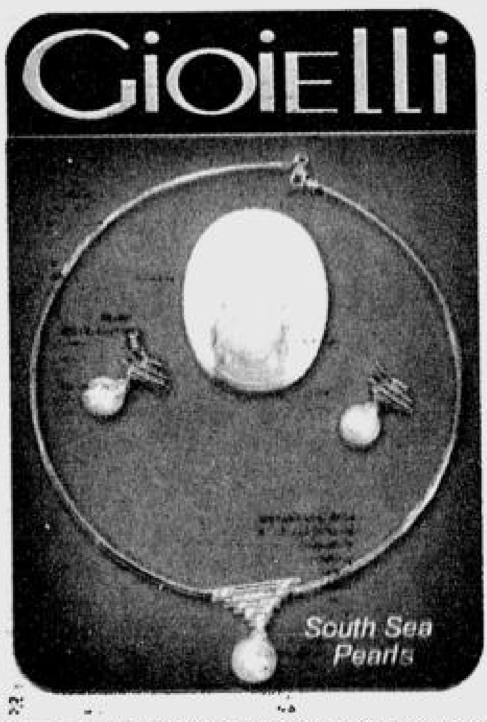
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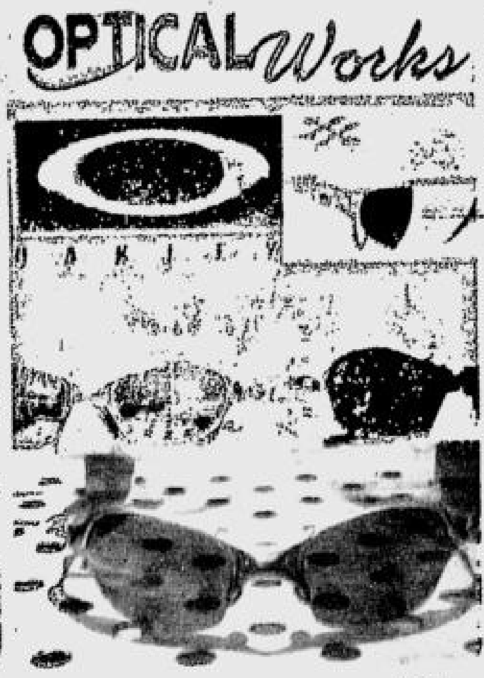
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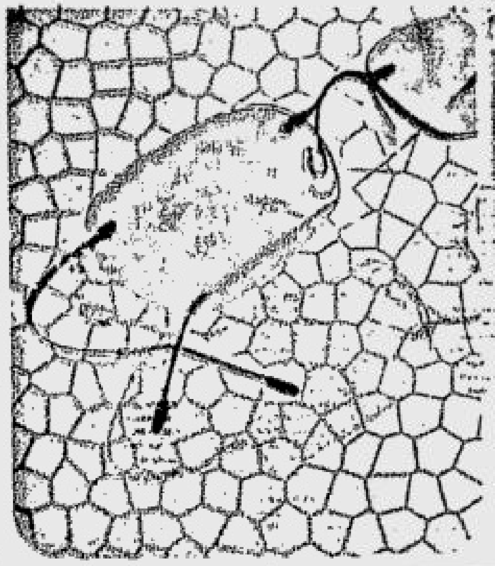

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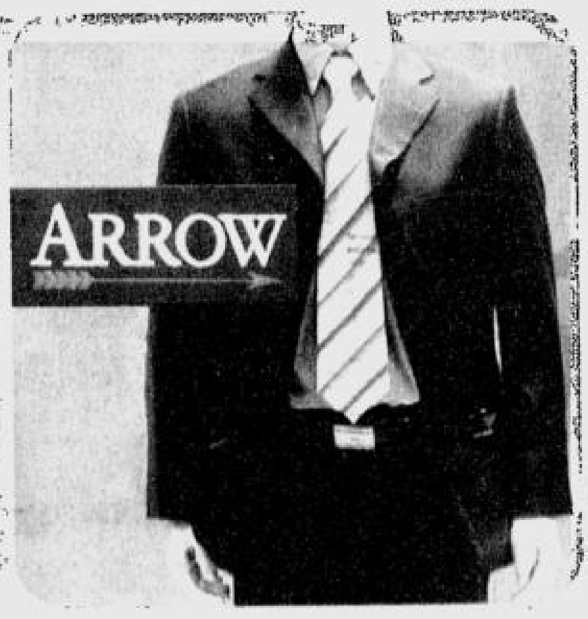

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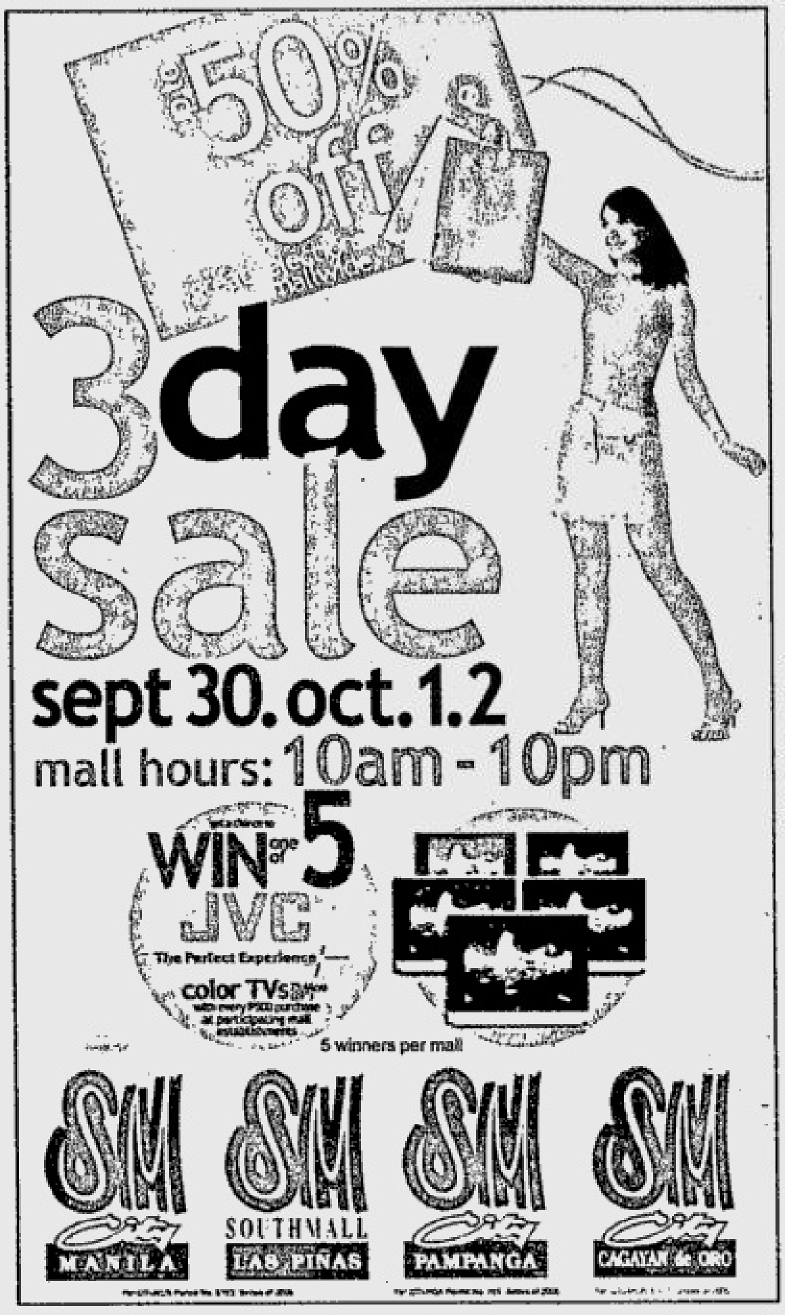
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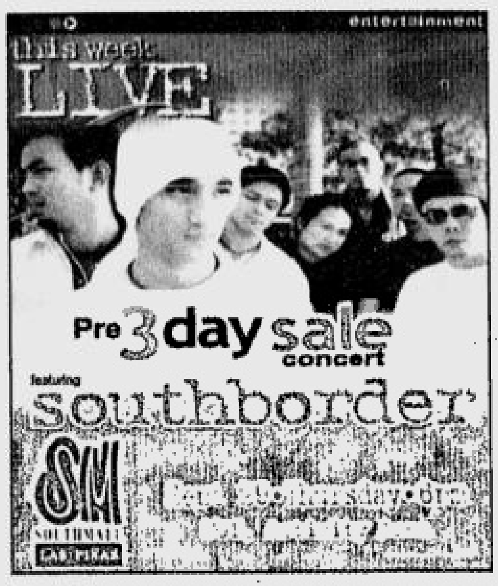
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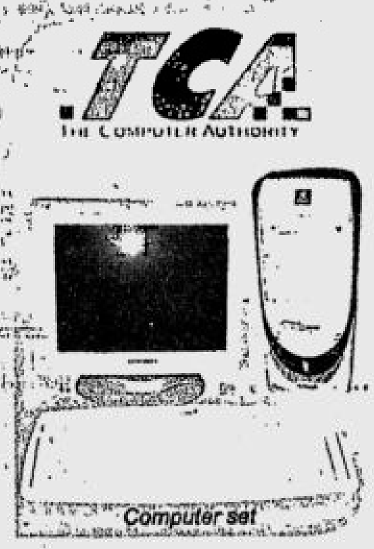
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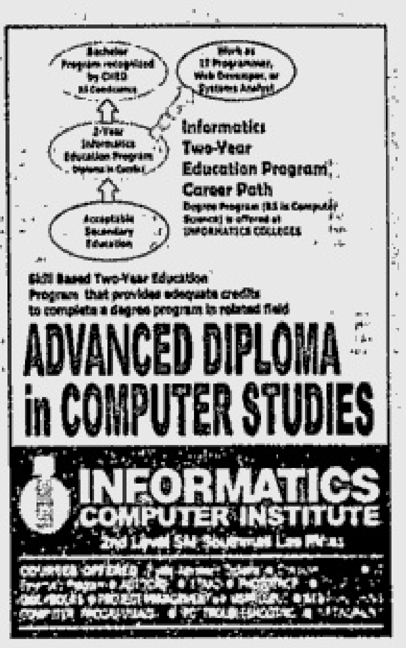
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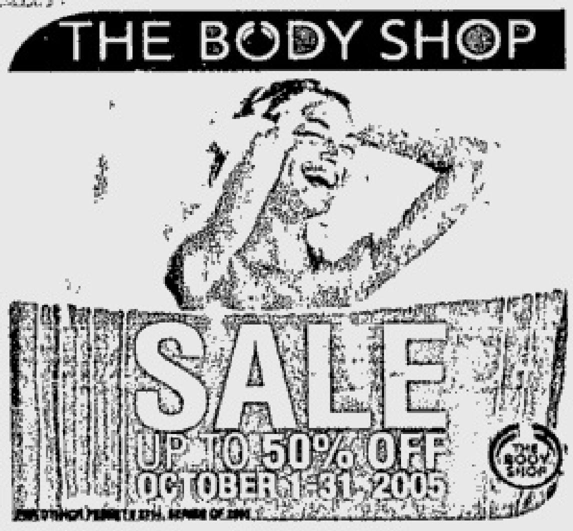
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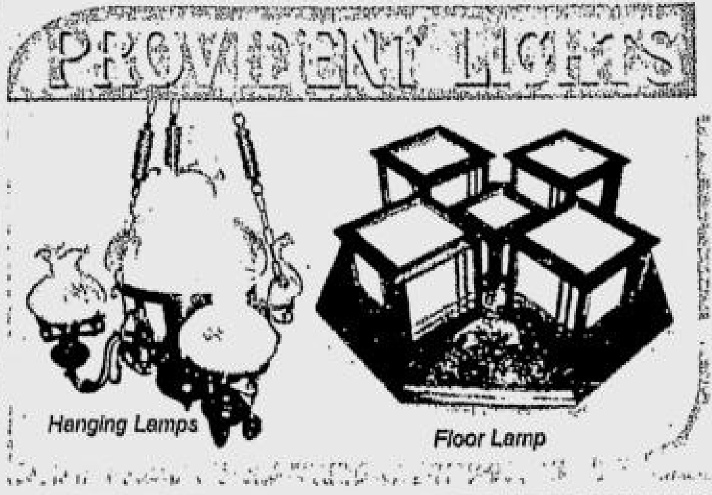
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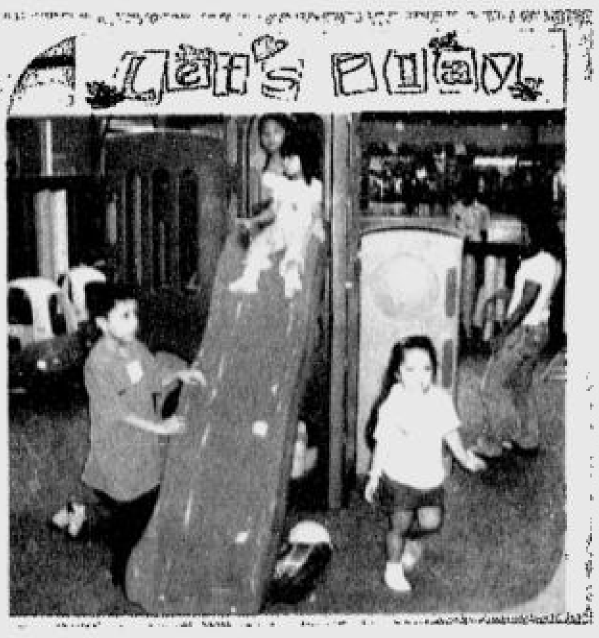
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